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CINEMA



Peck may win the Oscar

By BARRY K. AUSTIN

HOLLYWOOD. AFTER seeing Gregory Peck in the world premiere of "The Paradine Case," I have no doubt that he will be voted "Best Actor" of the year. With two hit performances in a row, in "The Paradine Case" and "Gentleman's Agreement," he can't miss.

Taken from Robert Hitchens' brilliant novel, "The Paradine Case" has most of its action in the Old Bailey, which has been faithfully reproduced by Selznick. Gregory Peck plays Anthony Rennie, KC, defence counsel in a murder trial who falls in love with the accused, Mrs. Paradine. He almost wrecks his life, his home, and his career in attempting to win her acquittal by laying the murder on her husband at the door of his yacht, who is her lover. Italian star Vitti plays Mrs. Paradine, and Louis Jourdan shows great promise as the victim.

Van Heflin appears as the KC's wife, and Charles Laughton is excellent as the judge.

Selznick presented this Alfred Hitchcock production to invited audiences at two theatres simultaneously in "Westwood Village," a trim modern settlement at the University of Southern California.

BAINTER GOES SOUR

Fay Bainter winds up a cycle of 21 consecutive sweet or elegant mother roles, by portraying what she describes as "a sour old, nag of a mother to Ida Lupino" in Warner's "Deep Valley."

Tug of war between screen and stage

YET another tug of war between stage and screen has been fought and won.

Trevor Howard leaves the Old Vic at the end of the month and will next be seen in a film.

Howard is an independent-minded young man, unaffected by sudden fame, primarily interested in being a good actor rather than in stardom or money.

On the strength of two performances, in "Brief Encounter" and "So Well Remembered," he stands very high on the roster of leading men in British films.

Deliberately, he has restricted his screen commitments to one film a year.

FLYNN'S FATHER

ERROL FLYNN is having a three-bedroom home constructed on Navy Island, Port Antonio, Jamaica, for his father, Prof. T. Thomson-Flynn. The 80-acre island, purchased by the star last year, is to become the professor's permanent home when he retires in March from Queen's University, Belfast, Ireland, to devote himself to marine biological research.

PRICE OF A STAR

EVERY star has a price on his or her head. A star, to the people who own his services, is a property with a capital value in hard cash.

Latest example is 22-year-old Kiernan Moore, a few months ago unknown, now worth, in his employers' view, £500,000. But not for sale.

His star, has been phenomenal. "Man About the House" is cleaning up outside London. "Mine Own Executioner" is packing London's largest cinema, the Empire.

A NEW "MACBETH"

MICHAEL REDGRAVE could probably have had all the film starring roles he wished after his fine performance in "Fame is the Spur." Instead, he preferred to return to the theatre.

He is now rehearsing for "Macbeth" with Ena Burrill. This production promises to start a pretty controversy. Norris Houghton, the American director says he is introducing a number of "innovations." He has seen only one "Macbeth" before, so is bringing a fresh mind to the job, unbothered by any traditions.

B & C AND BAC

THE BOGARTS, better known as Humphrey ("The Look") Bogart and Lauren ("The Look") Bacall, have no plans to continue indefinitely their successful screen association. "We will make pictures together," said Bogart in an interview, "only when the right stories come along."

By C.V.R. THOMPSON

The Stars Come To Earth

HOLLYWOOD. IN the hills above Hollywood big white letters spell out "Olywoodland." The witch has dropped down, and nobody has bothered to replace it.

That is symbolic of Hollywood today. For something is certainly missing in Hollywoodland. And most particularly its once famous opulence.

With the vital British market gone, and with the public at home proving, by staying away from the cinemas, that they are getting tired of synthetic drama, the dollars have come to mean something in Hollywood for the first time since it turned glamour from a noun into an industry.

Whether in the studio or the household, economy is now the order of the day. For example, the biggest star in one of the studios is over Barbara Stanwyck's wedding dress. It cost £500, and she wore it in a scene lasting exactly three seconds.

For example:

GREER GARSON could not afford to buy the gown worn in her last picture.

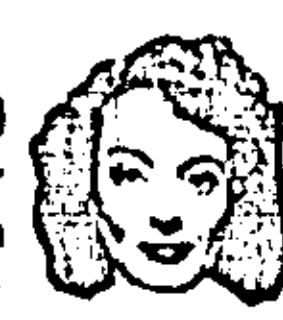
In the household, Van Johnson, who was laid off just after becoming a father for the first time, is cutting his domestic staff because, so he says, he does not know where his next mortgage payment is coming from. That is how most of the stars talk nowadays, and not through their Press agents. It does not matter that they are hardly affected by the great Hollywood depression. The stars, all 125 of them, are mostly under contract. Even if they were not, the moguls who devised the star system would use them, because they are convinced that is the only way to make money.

Clark Gable, for instance. If he never worked again he could live in luxury for the rest of his life, and yet he is constantly talking of his anxieties about the future.

Errol Flynn, most successful star of the moment, says she cannot afford to make any more films. He gets about £15 a week in Hollywood.

Ginger Rogers, who has not got a contract but is still worth £75,000 a picture, has equipped herself with an entirely new set of agents to get

For example:
JOAN CRAWFORD is auctioning her flat in Manhattan to save the money



her a play on Broadway and radio engagements—just in case.

My favourite economy story deals with a lover's welcome for his sweetheart, a singing starlet named Marilyn Maxwell. Deen Elliott, a composer, planned to rent a sky-writing plane to dub the skies with "Welcome, Marilyn" as she stepped off the train.

When he found the sky-writers charged £600 a letter, he cut down his message to "Hi, Max."

The newer stars are the most desperate. One studio has just announced it is saving £50,000 a picture by using unknown stage and radio actors in place of its secondary stars. And that has started an annual rush which has the insurance companies working overtime.

Jack Carson is mounting that he can get out of a contract for a £6,000 swimming pool he ordered last autumn. Yvonne de Carlo has cashed off on a personal appearance tour to make up the expenses for a tour to Europe. Jean Hersholt has turned down another picture offer to raise £250,000 for a special relief fund for out-of-work actors and actresses.

BANKRUPT CLUBS

THE Sunset Strip, a two-mile section of Hollywood occupied almost entirely by night clubs, is now known as the Rue de la Poor. Night clubs are going bankrupt at the rate of three a week here.

Those which are still open are patronised only by tourists, and they are complaining now that they never see what they came for—the stars. It is so unusual for film people to dine out that when they see them even the Hollywood columnists look for a reason. With the arrival of the "simple life" there is a moonlight-and-roses atmosphere about Hollywood. Everyone, even if he is making £150,000 a year, is finished with the material things of life.

Tyrone Power, who gave up Lana Turner to fight Communism, cannot wait to be on his journeys again—to Scandinavia last time—to spread the good American word.

"Tough guys" like Wayne Morris want to play clergymen parts. Edward G. Robinson means how unjust it is for people to say he is a Communist. Paulette Goddard gives out an interview in which she says that, after seeing the miseries of Europe, "jewels, clothes, and cars mean nothing to her."

NEW SHOWS:

TAKE YOUR CHOICE

IF you have not seen the inside of a big film studio, Paramount will take you on a conducted tour in VARIETY GIRL, at the Queen's. It is a kind of reminder advertising: there is no studio story which permits the introduction of as many of the company's stars, producers and directors as possible.

More than 30 of them appear. And a mammoth cabaret show at the end serves to bring on those previously left out.

Like most all-star shows, this one is far too long. But some of it is extremely funny. You will all have your favourite stars and moments: you have seen a polling room between those dear old pals, Bob Hope and Bing Crosby, and a not-too-literal glimpse of how the sound effects are put into film cartoons. Incidentally, the director, George Marshall, and the veteran Cecil B. de Mille, act nearly as well as the stars themselves.

MUSIC AND MISERY

Music and misery are married once again in HUMORESQUE, at the Lee Theatre.

John Garfield becomes a famous violinist through the influence of a rich, thrice-married, beautiful, brandy-soaked, impersonated with stern poise by Joan Crawford.

Garfield resents her help, but falls in love with her. Romance brings little rapture and a great many rows. So Miss Crawford quaffs a hard cognac while listening to her protegee playing "Triton" on the radio, decides there is no future for the pair of them, and walks firmly into the sea.

The general torment of the tale is relieved by the excellence of the violin music, which for once isn't chopped up like a baby's food for easy consumption. Alas Garfield and Miss Crawford act admirably, and the pianist-will Oscar Levant contributes a mordant-ly epigrammatic sketch.

OVER THE HUMP

CALCUTTA, at the King's, is all about commercial flying over the hump between Calcutta and Chungking, with murder and lost jewels thrown in for interest. Alan Ladd, Gail Russell, William Bendix and June Duprez are in this one.

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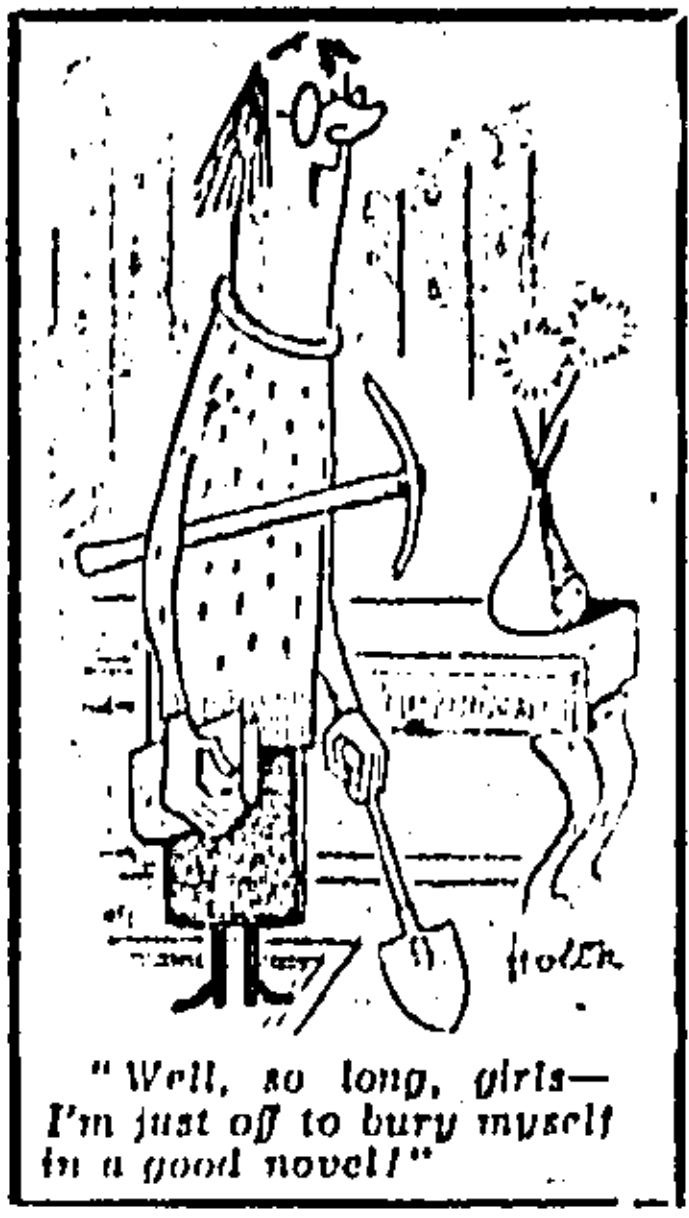
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LEE—Humoresque (Joan Crawford,
John Garfield)
CENTRAL—The Tiger Woman
(Allan Lane, Linda Sterling)
ORIENTAL—Three Little Girls in
Blue (June Haver, George
Montgomery, Vera-Elton)
CATHAY—The Man Within (Richard
Attenborough, Joan
Greenwood)
ALHAMBRA—Humoresque
MAJESTIC—Easy to Wed (Esther
Williams, Van Johnson)
STAR—Lady On A Train (Deanna
Durbin)



JESTS AND JEERS

Long skirts seem to have got the women hemming and the men hawking.

You're getting old if you watch your food instead of the waitress.

Marriage often ends on the rocks because both the mates want to be captain.

Nobody knows how the nations would range themselves for the next war, but there is certain to be a lot of jockeying for position to get on the losing side.

"Is he getting a commission in the army?"
"No, he gets a straight salary."

A pessimist is one who has listened to an optimist.

"Thrift is a wonderful virtue," says a magazine writer. Particularly in an ancestor.

He who laughs last sits behind a big fellow at the movies.

Overheard on the ferry:
"Of course I'm not speaking to him, but how can I not speak to him if I don't see him?"

She: I want a man who doesn't smoke, swear or philander.
He: What for?

A LETTER FROM PARIS

The Crisis is all a matter of confidence

BY SAM WHITE

PLANNING for France's recovery is rather like trying to cook an omelette on board a wildly rocking boat. The ingredients are both excellent and plentiful, the skill of the chef is unrivalled, but despite the many eggs that have been broken since the Liberation, the result is always more like scrambled eggs.

Now a fresh batch of eggs have been broken and a new start made with a series of sweeping financial reforms. What are the chances of success this time?

French economists are almost unanimous that success is assured—it only the boat stops rocking for long enough.

Fundamentally, they point out, France's crisis is far less serious than Britain's. The basis for France's recovery has already been laid in a remarkable industrial effort which has brought production to its pre-war level—despite war damage and strikes. The difference between France and Britain, they say, is that Britain must export to live, whereas France must export to live well.

MONTHS OR YEARS?

In short, the French crisis is little more than a crisis of confidence. Restore confidence in the Government and the economy, say these economists, and recovery would be a matter of months instead of years. And to restore confidence means tackling the problem of French inflation at its root—the peasants with money to burn who, distrustful of the currency because they cannot buy anything of value with it, are therefore driven to hoarding and the wildest profiteering.

To meet the situation the Government have announced in quick succession a series of sweeping financial measures: (1) devaluation; (2) the establishment of a free market in gold, dollars and Portuguese escudos; and (3) the invalidation of 5000-franc notes.

The next few weeks will decide the fate of these measures and with it the fate of French democracy. What will be taking place will be an unspectacular kind of financial referendum with the franc as the universal ballot paper. And during this period the French Government will be keeping their fingers crossed in the hope that those who prefer their eggs scrambled will have neither the opportunity nor the strength to rock the boat.

THE MAYER PLAN

Leaving out political considerations, economists here are convinced that the Mayer plan—which is, in fact, the work of France's most distinguished economist, M. Jean Monnet—can succeed. This is how they argue. First, devaluation will put the French ex-



THE STRANGER ON THE EDGE OF PARADISE

TRAVEL east into the Caribbean Sea for about a hundred miles from Nassau and, set in the shallow blue ocean, you will find Spanish Wells, an island two miles long and a few hundred yards wide, which is the home of 750 honest, pious people, all of them white.

Here you are in the West Indies, yet here no black man or woman is allowed to live.

White folk have passed their days on this island in strange, peaceful isolation for 300 years.

There is no adequate record of their origin. Some will tell you their forefathers fled from the religious intolerance of England.

Some say they are descended from pirates.

But they all agree the original settlers—whatever they were—pledged themselves to preserve the island for their own race, and not even to employ black slaves.

To that vow succeeding generations have remained faithful.

Intermarriage has left the island with only a handful of names.

One family—the Pinders—includes more than 500 people,

or three out of every four in the place.

When the Newbolts, the Sawyers, the Higgses, and the Sands have been counted, too, you have practically completed the census.

The islanders claim they are the world's happiest community.

No rich, no poor

Certainly Spanish Wells has missed a lot of trouble. There is no big house on the island and there is no hotel. There are no rich people, nor are any poverty-stricken.

There are homes, food, and work for all. Every man owns the house he lives in.

There are no taxes to pay, for these people need no public services to sustain them. They believe in individualism.

Politically they form part of the Bahamas colony, but their Government in Nassau neither interests them nor has any real impact on their lives.

They are content, and they ask only to be allowed to get along in their own way.

Their island home is a rocky, barren place where palm trees and little else grow.

So the farmers go to work by boat across a narrow sound to neighbouring Eleuthera, where the temperate climate produces good crops of tropical fruit and vegetables.

The fishermen—who make more money than anybody else—go off for a fortnight at a time, returning with heavy catches they sell all over the West Indies.

The traders either keep stores on the island or travel around the Caribbean with their goods in small boats.

Rain stored

At home, life is simple, much of it primitive.

An electricity power station has recently been built, and some households have accepted the benefits of this new-fangled idea. But lamps are still preferred in many of the austere furnished wooden houses.

There is no water supply, so rain has to be collected and stored in large cisterns. An ice-making plant, lately opened, has been closed down, for nobody wanted it.

Until a few months ago there was no doctor on the island. And few of these white people have ever seen a dentist.

Interest in the outside world is confined almost entirely to weather reports broadcast from Nassau.

There is no cinema or other public entertainment, but the islanders get adequate enjoyment at night out of two hours with a hymn book.

Women rarely leave Spanish Wells, and men go only occasionally to Nassau to buy stores.

Home cures

Twice a week Postman Blois Higgs, who is also policeman, Customs official, and immigration authority, sets out with a bundle of letters.

The islanders don't think much of correspondence as a habit. So sometimes half the mail is addressed to the doctor; a young Canadian called

JOHN DOUGLAS takes you on a fact-finding tour of the Bahamas island of Spanish Wells, whose every inhabitant is a white man. Picture looks from the headland half a mile across the water to the island

Murray Stevenson, who was persuaded to go to the island.

And now that he is there he finds many of his potential customers prefer their own home cures to his medicine.

They even cure something they call cancer, but the doctor

week there is always something doing, except on Wednesdays, when there is a night off from church activity.

In the island school, with its one teacher for 150 children, there is a strong bias on Biblical subjects. Any ten-year-old child will tell you how old Job was when he died twice as quickly as he can add six and six.

This is how the children have always been brought up, and the islanders will stand for no interference with the curriculum or with any of their other traditions.

A new minister found that out at the last funeral, when the congregation rebelled against him at the graveside for trying to stop their hymn-singing.

He considered music was not in keeping with the solemnity of burial, and he said so.

But the people would have none of it.

So, in defiance of the parson, they chorused their farewell:—

"In the sweet by and by
We shall meet on that beautiful shore."

With its white sands and gaily coloured houses, Spanish Wells looks the dream island ripe for invasion and enrichment as a tourist centre. But it never will be.

The man on the headland has got as near as any outsider can.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"Well, if Dinkoy Jones's mother is almost ready to let him smoke, just tell him your parents almost gave you permission too!"

Bernard Wickstead

looks for his ancestors—
400 feet under the earth

It seems I'm a Man of the Bronze Age

... 'BRACHYCEPHALIC'
says CHAPMAN PINCHER

THE housing situation being what it is, Mr Chapman Pincher and I took time off to look over some caves in the Mendip Hills area of Somerset.

At one time this was the Mayfair of Britain, where the most exclusive caverns had their homes and, as it looks as if some of us may be back to that sort of life again pretty soon, you may care to know what living conditions were like.

One of the properties we saw is called the Hyena Den, and some people say it is the oldest known habitation in the country. It was converted into a residence during the late Pleistocene Period, 60,000 years ago, when the climate here was sub-tropical and Britain was joined to France.

The Thames was a tributary of the Rhine then, and you got tigers instead of fish on the Dogger Bank.

The technique

AS there were no house agents the first inhabitants were squatters, who took over the cave from a bear. The technique of taking a cave from a bear is to wait till the family is out and then nip in and light a fire in the doorway.

When they come back the father bear says: "Who's been sitting in my cave?" and the mother bear and the baby bear say the same thing, but as they are all afraid of the fire they go away and Goldilocks doesn't have to jump through the window.

The trouble with this system was that the dispossessed bears didn't like it, and they'd hang around for years just waiting for the fire to die out when everyone was asleep. Then they'd go in, and that would be the end of the squatters.

This happened six times in the Hyena Den. Six times the people moved in and six times the tenancy was terminated, sometimes without notice.

The new tenants, animal and human, never bothered to throw out the belongings of their predecessors. They just moved in on top of them until eventually there was so much junk in the place—flints and old bones and so on—that even hyenas wouldn't live there.

Meet Mr. Balch!

HOW do we know all this? Well, Mr Pincher and I got our information from a man who used to be a postman, and learned how to plough and keep animals.

His name is Mr H. E. Balch, and he started his Post Office career as a telegraph boy in Wells, Somerset. When he wasn't delivering telegrams he was exploring the many caves just outside the town and studying the things he found. He continued this dual life for 50 years, becoming successively a postman, a Master of Arts, the postmaster of Wells, and a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries.

Now, at 78, he is curator of the Wells Museum and one of Britain's leading authorities on primitive man.

"I used to start work at the post office at 5 a.m.," he told us. "That meant I was free to go cave-digging by two."

"We know about the evictions from the Hyena Den because there were six distinct and alternate layers of debris. First there were remains left by animals, with toothmarks on the bones, then ashes and bones that had been cooked and cracked for the marrow."

Bones speak

WHAT sort of people were they who lived in the Hyena Den before Britain became an island? Bones of this period show that they were short and narrow-chested, and the women were eight inches smaller than the men. From their teeth it seems they were intended by nature to be vegetarians.

For company they had elephants, hippos, tigers, lions, hyenas, and bears. Then the great Ice Age came—the last of four in the world's history. The cold drove away the sub-tropical animals, and in their places came herds of new creatures from the north—mammoths, woolly rhinoceroses, bison, reindeer and giant cave bears.

The ice came down as far as the Thames, but missed out the Mendips. Man struggled on, shivering in his caves, but he had to change his whole way of life, for the cold killed the plants on which he had lived and drove him to take up meat.

On the hunt

THERE was plenty of good food in a mammoth, but the trouble was getting it. So these early Stone Age men developed a neat little trick that may have been copied from the wolves. They formed themselves into human packs and drove the mammoths and other beasts over a precipice.

Bones found in the Hyena Den show the splinters and cracks sustained in the fall. After a few more thousand years even the un-ratified mammoths began to run out.

Just above the Hyena Den is another cave called the Badger Hole. Mr Balch and a band of voluntary helpers are working in it now, and although it was occupied for centuries Mr Balch has found there the cooked remains of only two mammoths—an old cow and a baby.

In a way this was the beginning of civilisation in Britain. The cave men were forced to take up agriculture, and the shortage of fur coats for the women led to the introduction of spinning and weaving.

The first inhabitants of these caves were called Palaeolithic men. It means "Old Stone Age." Their successors were called Neolithic which means "New Stone Age."

Neolithic men polished their stone weapons as if they were metal, and learned how to plough and keep animals.

The country was getting warmer, and a new lot of men came up from the south. The newcomers had broad heads and could work soft metal. They began to build about 4,000 years ago, and the civilisation they introduced is called the Bronze Age.

While telling us this, Mr Balch kept glancing at me with a critical eye, and eventually said: "You know, you are a perfect example of a Bronze Age man yourself. Just the right build and head dimensions."

So I take a family interest in the Bronze Age now. We were the original Ancient Britons that the Romans found when they landed, and grand-dad threw a very pretty spear.

The Junk-filled Hyena Den and the Badger Hole weren't good enough for my family. So we crossed the River Axe about 250 B.C. and moved into a more sumptuous cave known as Wookey Hole, where we stayed for 700 years.

Running water

AS cave dwellings go this ancestral home of ours was a regular palace. We had a southerly aspect, 450 ft. of roof over our heads, and a chimney that carried away the smoke. There was running water in the cellar, and natural air-conditioning kept the temperature at an even 51 degrees summer and winter.

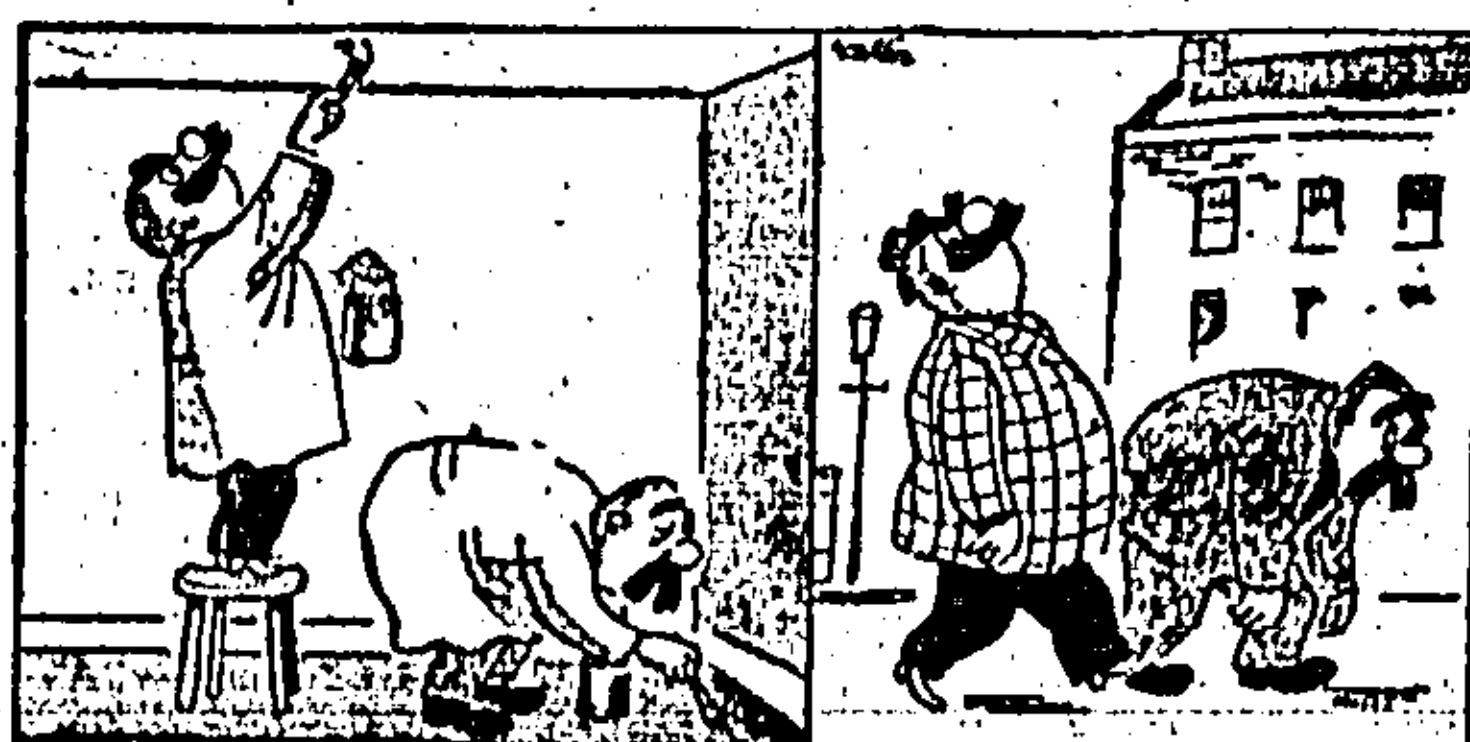
If it was snowing and we didn't want to go out we could move to one of the chambers at the back and catch fresh water shrimps for tea. ("Gammarus pulex," said Mr. Pincher, who fished one out.)

Sometimes I am sorry we ever left Wookey. We got on all right with the Romans and entertained many a C.I. legionary, but we couldn't stand the Saxons who came after them. They kept accusing us of stealing their cattle.

So we moved to the Welsh Hills and, later on, to Hampstead. But, if the atom war comes, I think we'll go back.

DAB and FLOUNDER

—by Walter



EVERY SATURDAY

WOMANSENSE

FULL-PAGE FEATURE

PARTY FOR POOR CHILDREN

SPC treats 1,000
to Cinema

LAST Tuesday and Wednesday, over 1,000 of the Colony's children were smiling as they hugged new toys.

At its first party for underprivileged children, the Women's Auxiliary of the Society for the Protection of Children treated small children and their mothers to a Mickey Mouse Cinema. Afterwards, the children were given sweets and toys, collected by the local school children. Mothers received a tin of milk, wash cloths and babies' clothes.

On Tuesday morning, The Central Theatre presented the movie to all the children from the SPC's Western Welfare Centre, who streamed into the theatre for what was for many their first moving picture.

Children from the Tai Hing Centre crowded the Lee Theatre on Wednesday morning for their party, which also included Mickey Mouse, toys and sweets. After the performances the children rushed out of the theatres showing their new toys to their friends and smiling with delight.

Members of the Women's Auxiliary who were present felt that the parties had been a

TOYS AND SWEETS



Members of the Women's Auxiliary of the Society for the Protection of Children hand out bags of sweets and toys to the underprivileged children of Hongkong's Western District as they leave the Central Theatre with smiling faces after being treated to a Mickey Mouse movie. The party was given last Tuesday. On Wednesday, a second party was given for the children in Eastern District. (Photo: Golden Studio).

great success and hoped to give others in the future.

Tickets for the show were donated by the Local Printing Press Ltd. The China Emporium, Wing On, The Sincere Co., the Sun Co. And Shui Hing Co. donated part of the 1,500 toys. The remainder was collected by school children attending the Kennedy Road, Quarry Bay, Anglo-French Convent, Kowloon Junior and Diocesan Girls' Schools.

On Lok Yuen Co. sent 100 lbs of biscuits to the party. Members and friends of the SPC contributed clothes, toys, money and cakes.

SCHIPARELLI'S SURREALISM



PARIS. Surrealist. Hats alone are from a world we do not know in London.

"WHAT could be more heartening to a world in a crisis than a face veil all tumbled over with roses... a hat of thatched straw with a sweet william blooming on its brim?" asks Schiaparelli, describing her new spring fashion collection here.

The Schiaparelli show is not only stimulating to the point of shock: at times it is purely

If you find a nice English lawn and trowel up for yourself a chunk of turf dotted with winter flowers, placing it carefully on a slab of straw, you will have a new spring hat a la Schiap—the "flower-bed hat."

There is a green spotted jockey cap in brown shantung, worn with one of the many riding skirts that flare out at the back and are all 7in. from the ground.

Beach hat or hut?

There are face-framing sou'-wester hats with a fluted brim 18in long at the back, peaked-brim berets with puffed crowns of muslin, and spoon-shaped straws and felts.

There is even a bench hat in dull red shaped like a thatched native hut from the Congo.

Other Schiaparelli shocks include pink nylon stockings, shoes made of straps from toe to ankle, wired and strapless linen beach dresses (worn with pink nylons and straw slippers), back-to-front jacket with buttons and pocket at the back, crisp straw hats that look like a breakfast cereal, linen evening jackets, and what I can only affirm are false stomachs worn under flimsy summer printed silks.



Keeping up with the art and music fashion of the day, Schiaparelli has gone completely surrealistic. These hats with hanging red roses and horns made from green feathers are the latest of her creations. Paris fashion experts say that many of Schiaparelli's new spring hats have been inspired by the late Gertrude Stein's famous "A Rose is a Rose is a Rose."

BEAUTIFY NEGLECTED
ARMS, KNEES, SHOULDERS

ELBOWS, knees and shoulders really need beauty care and are too frequently neglected.

During summer your knees are on display when you wear swimsuits and shorts.

To smooth out imperfections make a lather of soap on your knees every time you have a bath or shower.

Powder some pumice stone and rub it on with the soap. With a bathbrush or nail-brush, scrub around and round. Finally, rinse all the soap off and massage with hand-lotion.

The same treatment will smooth heels that are roughened by wearing shoes with no stocking in summer. If your knees are knobby and really ugly, there isn't much you can do about them. Wear slacks instead of shorts and swimsuits with a brief skirt.

Tightly-fitting swimsuits draw attention to your legs.

The new longer skirt is ideal for you—keep your skirts a good four inches below your knees.

You often hear a girl, meaning that she would love to wear strapless evening dresses, but can't because her shoulders are ugly—rough, and made more unsightly by blackheads. Here's a remedy: First cleanse shoulders and arms with cream, then cover with a towel that has been dampened in hot water. After a minute or so, and before the towel gets cool, remove it and massage with a little cold cream.

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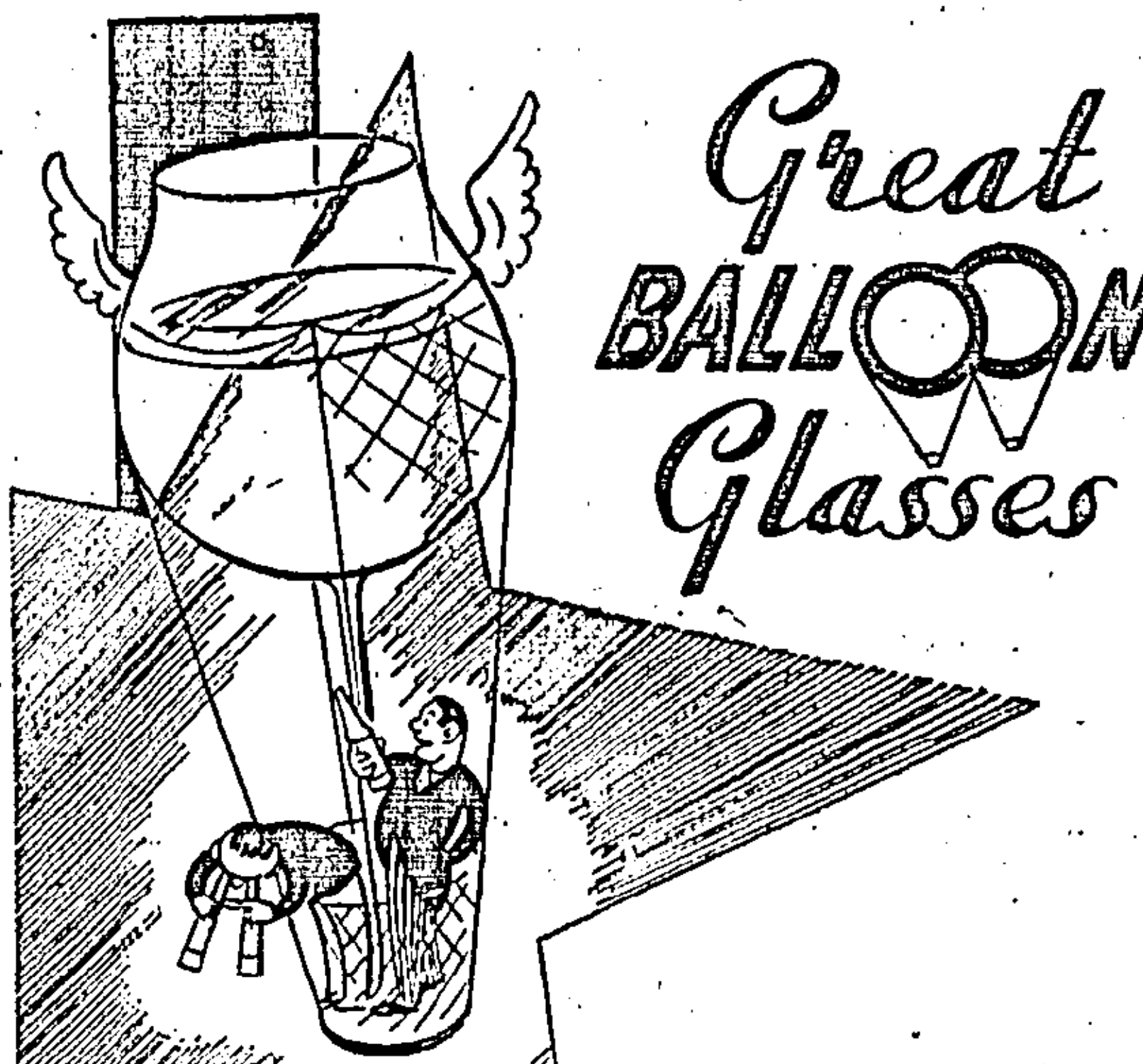
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18-INCH WAIST OF Mlle CLAVEL

PATRICIA LENNARD ON THE PARIS LOOK

PARIS. EVERY Paris dress house seems to agree that the ultra-feminine silhouette cannot be over-emphasised. One designer bluntly declared he uses "all the possible elements of seduction."

Models have discarded gut-pierces in favour of longer corselettes that not only emphasise the bust and tighten the waist, but hold a snug roll of padding around the front of each hip.

The HEMLINE is stabilised for daytime at an average of ten to eleven inches from the ground and every skirt is full with pleated or flaring material, or drapery carried well forward in front.

Smallest WAIST at the dress shows belongs to pretty, dimpled Pierrette Clavel, blonde model, at the Carven collection. It measures 48 centimetres (19½ inches).

HATS are pert and pretty, the straws as crisp as breakfast cereals. Nearly all tie under the chin or under a chignon bun at the back of the head. Prettiest is a new spring

bonnet in coarse natural straw, lined with black velvet with a bow of long, black velvet cord.

No ear-rings are worn with hats. VEILS are important—either edged with petersham or sewn with multi-coloured threads. Some are heavily dotted with chenille and worn to a depth of 10in all round over large flat straws; some are bubbled with lightweight pearls.

JEWELLERY is played down a good deal; by day single string chokers and by night matching bracelets and necklaces of brilliants are worn. Piquet, however, puts tiny insect brooches on cuffs and lapels, and uses an unusual necklace of cabochons embedded with brilliants and slung on a gold chain.

FASHION POINTS WORTH NOTING: absolutely plain, beautifully fitting court shoes are worn at the best houses. Boat-shaped necklines that profile the neck and shoulders are newer than strapless bodices. White gurgule embroidery and ordinary white string crocheted is used a good deal on linen and special occasion dresses by day and night. Tiny black and white checks are most popular for silk spring shirt-waisted frocks. The tiered skirt—from two to seven tiers pleated or flounced—is drawing ahead for afternoon wear.

Smallest waist in
Paris shows

Her name is Pierrette ("Miss Elegance") Clavel. Of all the models at the Paris dress shows, she says she has the smallest waist. It measures 18 inches.

GOOD MIXER

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teams with skirts, matches off-duty slacks, goes over contrasting dresses. A handsome one to prize is this beige wool worn by Judith Anderson, who plays an important role in RKO Radio's "Tycoon," co-starring John Wayne and Laraine Day and featuring colour by Technicolour.

TOP NEWS

When you think of clothes for the coming spring and summer seasons, make up your mind to get a long-sleeved overshirt. It's a new fashion thought, all line expertly fashioned to accent your good figure. It's the answer to your problem of what to wear with just about anything. Generally, it has a little collar that shows neatly above a cardigan jacket.



WELL RECEIVED—Little Miss Diana Almada e Castro, who created culte a silt with her renderings of "Mama, eu quero" and "In Alcapulco" at the St. Paul's College Old Boys' Union ball at the Hongkong Hotel on Tuesday. (Photo: Mee Cheung)



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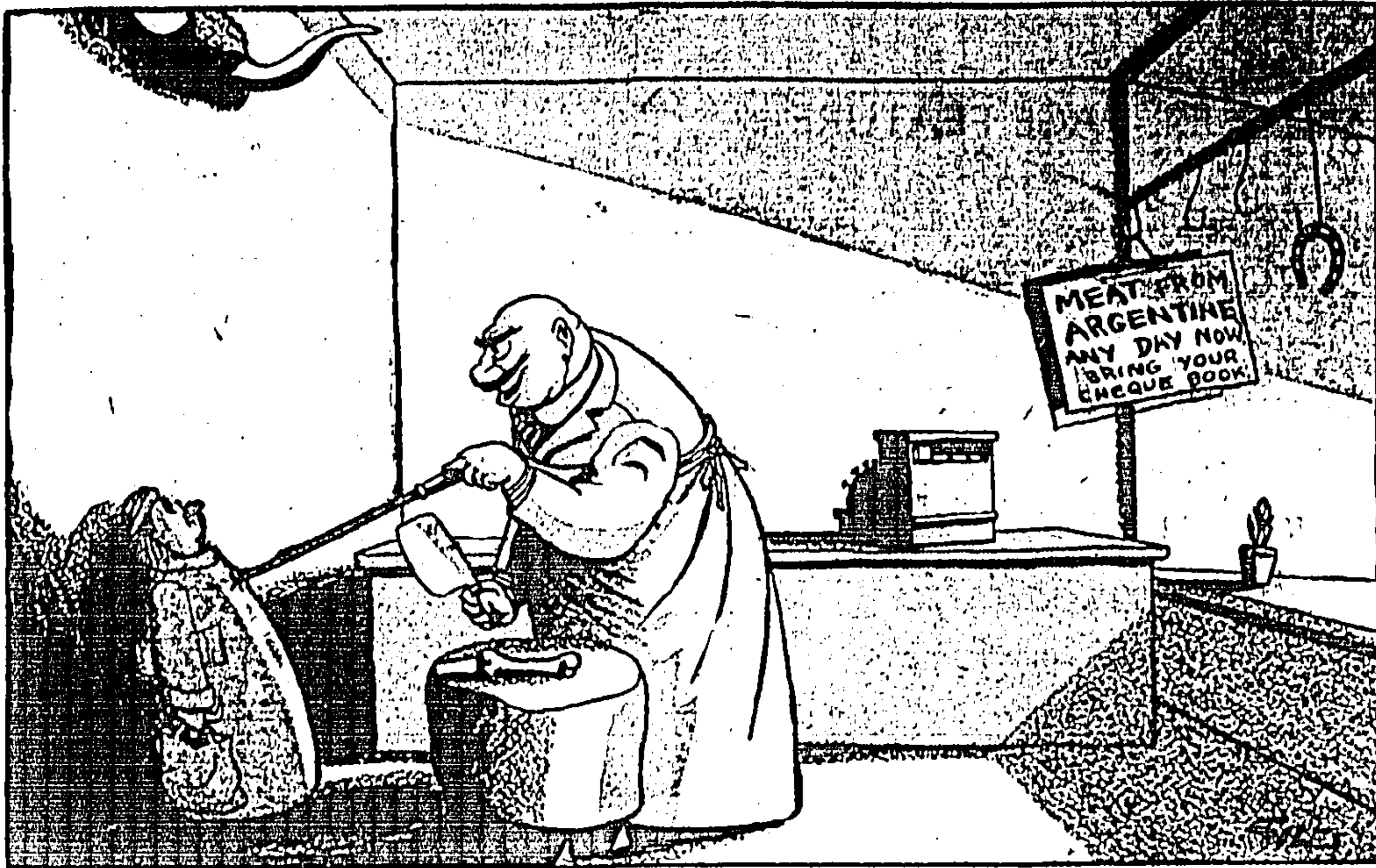
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Who will be America's next President?

CURRENT basic factors in the national economy, if continued through the year, would tend to favour the re-election of President Truman, according to interpretations by some government economists who observe the situation from a scientific rather than a political viewpoint.

Such an opinion is based on the theory that a Party change at the White House occurs after severe economic difficulties. It does not take into account other factors which might give the net advantage to the still unknown Republican candidate.

These would be, for example, the relative personal popularity of candidates, qualifications to handle the world ideological struggle, and psychological uneasiness about the future turn in the business cycle. The Wallace third-party candidacy also prevents any categorical estimate of overall electoral trends.

Economic Factors

Major economic factors which, it is thought, will strengthen President Truman's prospect of election are:

1. The present opinion is that a severe "recession" is not probable in 1948, since large European economic aid will make conditions favourable to industrial activity and a high level of prices.

2. The public, promises to keep national income at a record level of \$200,000,000,000, over \$200,000,000,000, during the public burden governmental annual near \$40,000,000,000.

3. The price inflation, notwithstanding consumers, sed virtually full employment of America's 60,000,000, and even though recession should start a year, it is unlikely as heavy unemployment the national elections.

World and national debt for farm and mine products is still active, and the national aid programme tend to continue this situation.

Prices And Costs

Offsetting these economic factors, which economists think tend to help the incumbent of the White House, in his electoral campaign, are the following considerations:

1. Popular displeasure over the high cost of living. On this point President Truman has already recommended the control measures beyond the acceptability of the Republican Congress, which even though not enacted would help to protect his political position. Republicans allege that the Presidential messages on the price situation were intended for partisan advantage.

2. Both the short and long-term trends of the price chart are beyond possibility of certain prediction, because the business cycle has become

Harry W. Frantz, United Press-Staff Correspondent, says there are factors which favour Harry Truman's re-election

global rather than national. The business public for months has talked of economic outlooks in terms of "boom-and-bust" despite the apparent prosperity. Price levels are now nearly at the 1920 peak. Disquietude over future economy might have some political influence.

3. A possible "third round" of major labour disputes could have political effects unfavourable to the Administration, as occurred in the months prior to the November 1946 Congressional elections.

4. The maximum Truman-proposed European aid programme could produce scarcities of certain vital commodities, disturbing the public. The last party change in the White House occurred after the 1932 election, when the severe "deflation" created a popular desire for change and led to the triumph of Democrat Franklin D. Roosevelt over Herbert Hoover, Republican. In 1948 the country is in the throes of "inflation," consequently economic conditions and their logical political effects are not comparable.

New Deal Measures

National income in 1932 was \$41,690,000,000, having declined during President Hoover's four-year term from \$87,355,000,000 in 1929. It reached bottom in 1933 at \$29,584,000,000, before the "New Deal" corrective measures—marked by banking reform and heavy governmental spending—began to take effect. National income in September 1947 was at the annual rate of \$203,300,000,000. The higher figure is, of course, in large part due to price inflation.

The number of persons engaged in production for all industries including agriculture was 45,683,000 in 1929; reached a "depression" minimum of 37,188,000 in 1932; and is now near 60,000,000.

Total government expenditures, including federal, state, and local governments, were \$10,220,000,000 in 1929, \$10,588,000,000 in 1932, reached a wartime peak of \$103,116,000,000 in 1944, and were \$46,779,000,000 in 1946.

Proposed federal government expenditures in the next fiscal year are nearly \$40,000,000,000, compared to the wartime peak in 1944 of \$95,559,000,000, and \$3,170,000,000 at the bottom of the depression in 1932.

The agricultural situation in 1932 was marked by huge surpluses of many products and by extremely low prices. Farmers in 1948 count on active markets, with record prices for many products, such as grains and meats.

With the self-elimination of General Dwight Eisenhower as a presidential candidate, the Republican Party has entered a period prospectively marked by deep manoeuvres and bargaining relative to its 1948 nominee.

Statisticians believe it is a mathematical certainty that the Republican nominating convention will be deadlocked on early balloting, and that consequently many states will advance names of "favourite sons" for bargaining purposes even though such individuals lack prospects of success.

Favourite Sons

Some estimates of state "favourite sons" (including New York's Governor Thomas Dewey and Ohio's Senator Robert Taft) are as high as 600 delegates. Total number of delegates will be 1,004, and the necessary majority for nomination 548. It is believed the maximum early count for either Dewey or Taft could not possibly exceed 400, while Harold Stassen's supporters maximum claim so far is around 125.

This creates a situation favourable either to a "dark horse" nominee of consolidated "deals" among delegates. Party politicians in many states will therefore desire "favourite sons" delegations which, according to custom, can shift their votes to stronger candidates as balloting proceeds.

The coldly analytical opinion of some professional politicians is that Eisenhower's withdrawal will have the following:

1. It will give Republican campaign preparations for a more professional organizational aspect. 2. The immediate effect is regarded as favourable to Dewey, but as No. 1 possibility he will henceforth bear the brunt of opposition from other candidates, and his qualifications and potential capacity of victory will be severely examined everywhere.

3. Senator Arthur Vandenberg is again actively mentioned as a compromise candidate. But some professionals think his foreign policy views are out of line with Middle West political thinking.

4. The Eisenhower withdrawal helped Governor Earl Warren of California by increasing the prospective necessity for compromise.

5. Speaker of the House of Representatives Joseph Martin and Senator Leverett Saltonstall of Massachusetts will get increasing attention as a possible compromise.

6. There is magnified interest whether General Douglas MacArthur will definitely withdraw similarly as Eisenhower.

Probables

Professionals think this is less probable as public opinion polls have not yet shown the strength necessitating clear cut decision on his part. Impartial experts think MacArthur has maintained a "correct" attitude by neither encouraging nor discouraging a political movement on his behalf. His remoteness from the current political scene tends to defer judgment of the future party attitude towards him. Republican politicians speculate that the following states will consider the submission of "favourite son" names to the Republican.

California—Governor Earl Warren, Connecticut—Senator Raymond Baldwin, Illinois—Governor Dwight Green, Indiana—House Republican Leader Charles A. Halleck, Maine—possibly Senator Owen Brewster, Massachusetts—Choice among House Speaker Martin or Senator Saltonstall or Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., Michigan—As Vandenberg declined, may submit name of Governor Kim Sigler, Minnesota—Harold Stassen, New Hampshire—Senator Styles Bridges, New Jersey—Gov. Alfred E. Driscoll, New Mexico—Ex-secretary War and Ambassador to China Patrick Hurley, Pennsylvania—Senator Edward Martin, Tennessee—Republican National Committee Chairman Carroll Reece, Washington—There's some talk of Eric Johnston, formerly President of United States Chamber of Commerce.

Wisconsin—Douglas MacArthur, unless the primary election eliminates him. Some of these might be eliminated before the Philadelphia convention by Party conventions or primaries.

"ANON" WAS INDIA'S GREATEST ARTIST

by BERNARD DENVER

FOUR HUNDRED miles from Delhi in the Indian town of Harappa, a child was playing with a toy monkey.

It was of the type which you can still buy. Two unevenly placed holes in its body allow it to climb up and down a piece of string. This one had been carved out of baked clay.

Eventually it was thrown away and forgotten. Time passed. Four thousand years of human history were unfolded. An archaeologist discovered the toy monkey, and today it is one of the first exhibits in the display of Indian art at Burlington House, London.

BACK TO B.C.

THIS toy gives a clue to the understanding of the whole exhibition. When Julius Caesar invaded Britain the art of India had two thousand years of history behind it, and beside that any European art is the creation of yesterday. When the sculptors of the Emperor Asoka carved out of polished sandstone the huge bull which stands in the Central Hall of the Royal Academy, they had no idea that such a place as England existed.

They, and all the Indian artists before and after them, had no high-flown theories about art; what they made were things with a purpose and a function.

ART OF OLD It is difficult not to be struck by the similarity of feeling between the statues of the benign Buddha and those of the Saviour in our sides to the Indian character. Buddhism—with its gentle beauty and its humanism, its lotus flowers, its prayers—is one side, and the one we find most sympathetic.

The other side, the like of which is to be seen even in Europe in the "marvels" and "monstrosities" of medieval sculpture, was represented by some of the Hindu gods—Brahma, the demurge, who has four faces; Vishnu, who has four hands; Shiva, the Great God, who sits in meditation bearing objects in his many hands while the Ganges flows from his matted locks. It is not remarkable that for many centuries Europeans, and even many Indians, saw nothing

How strong is the Communist Party?

By Charles Wintour

COMRADE Harry Pollitt has launched the British Communist Party on a new campaign of militant agitation.

Addressing his Executive Committee, he cried, "Make them (the workers) indignant at the one-sided character of the Government policy; develop the mood to resist cuts and shortages, the mood to demand wage advances to meet the rising cost of living."

This attempt to stir up discontent among the working people started, significantly enough, at the very moment when the Foreign Ministers' Conference broke down.

Some people may be inclined to dismiss the Communist tactics as contemptible and unimportant. They would be wise to study the facts before jumping to conclusions.

The membership

True, the British Communist Party is only some 43,000 strong. In 1944 its membership nearly touched 50,000; after that a steady decline was recorded until June 1947, when under 39,000 members were on the books. But a recruiting drive has now begun which aims to reach the 50,000 mark by the end of February; 2800 new members were signed on during the past two months.

The influence of this disciplined sect of political fanatics extends out of all proportion to their actual membership. Communists have burrowed their way into key positions in some of the most powerful unions, and constantly seek to extend their hold.

It was against this menace that Arthur Deakin, general

secretary of the mammoth Transport and General Workers' Union hit out recently. "We cannot afford," said Deakin, "to allow the attempted infiltration and domination of the trade unions on the part of the Communists to succeed. The activities of the Communists in the trade unions are mainly directed towards the propagation of their political faith."

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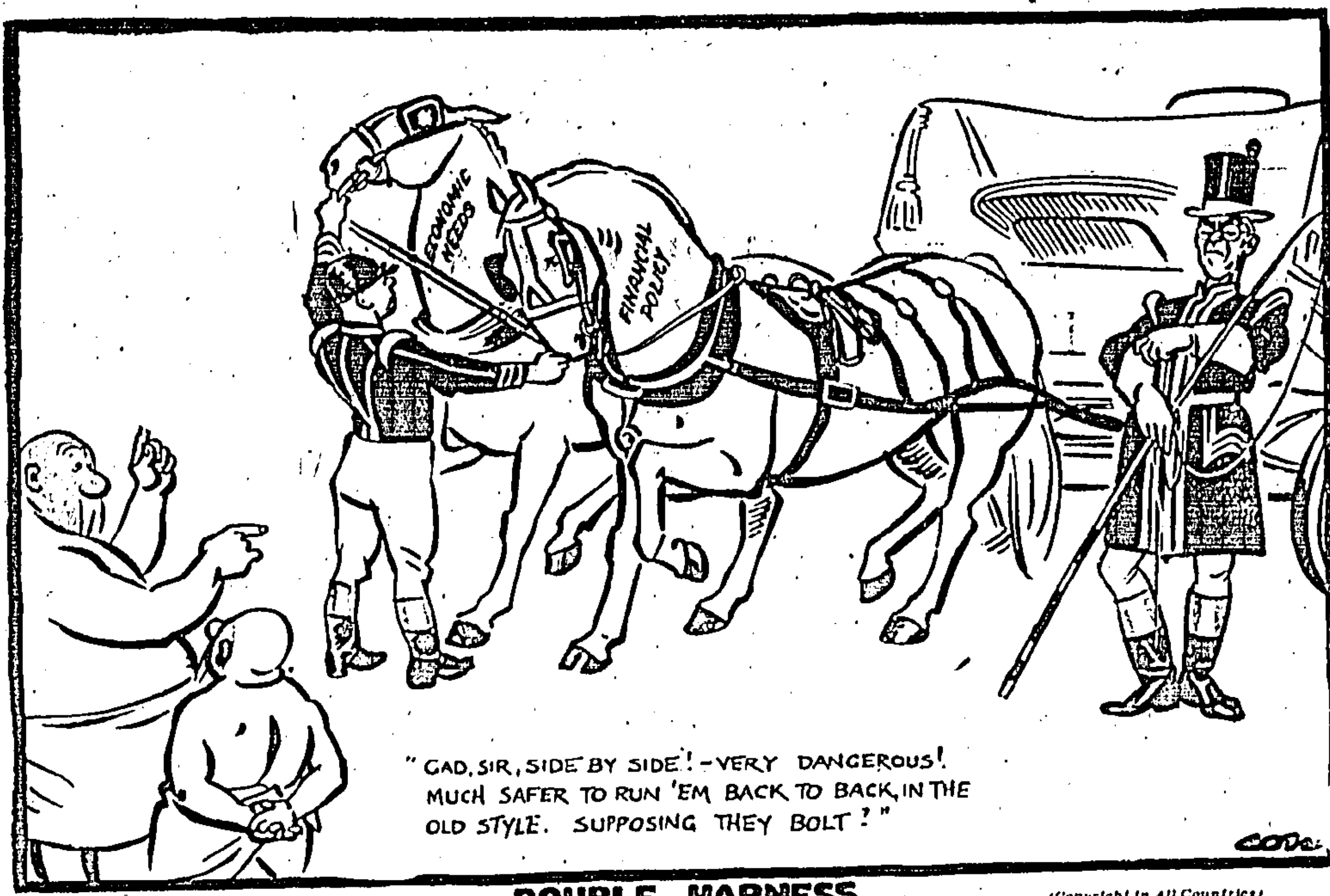
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"There's inflation for you. When Rembrandt painted it in 1665 he got five guild for it; to-day it's worth five thousand!"



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WAR DAMAGE SHOULD BE PAID FOR

—By "Candidus"—

AND so the Malayan War Damage Claims Commission is at present in England for discussions with the Department concerned! No wonder the "Telegraph" employed the pertinent heading—"And How About Hongkong?"

How about Hongkong, indeed! How about those thousands of unfortunate Chinese residents, who were called out of their houses and shops at a minute's notice, and herded away over the Kowloon hills to starve or perish in China? They left their goods and chattels to the mercy of the Japanese and, in hundreds of cases, lost their all. The same applies to people in all walks of life—and yet, as far as can be gathered, there seems but a remote possibility of any reparations being made.

I sometimes think that we should have been no worse off had we lost the war. As far as Japan is concerned, the occupational authorities appear to be doing everything they can to make the lot of the Japs a comfortable one, but if Japan is to provide any measure of compensation for the damage and loss she caused, Hongkong has not as yet been informed.

If those who create wars are to be relieved of their responsibility to compensate their victims, then there is little deterrent. In fact, war is almost encouraged if the aggressor is not to be made to bear the cost.

THE trouble these days is that the Colony has no voice. The promise given that some form of self-government would be established is almost forgotten. We boast of democracy, and yet in reality we are the dumb slaves of an autocratic group system of party politics operated from London, which knows little of our special problems and expectations.

It must be admitted that Hongkong has no claim to special treatment, and in this connection one wonders what exactly is the Home Government's policy towards reparations.

In the absence of any concerted protests or representations, little influence can be exerted upon those who manage Hongkong from London, and the fact remains that we possess no body or organization which could press the point of view of those who are called upon to produce the Colony's revenue. I repeat the claim made before, that Hongkong sadly needs a taxpayers' association which would be prepared to place its case before London if necessary, and which would make certain that the Colonial Office was made fully aware of local problems.

Apart from property seized by the Japanese, or other losses caused by the invaders, there remains the fact that even the Hongkong Government has quibbled over restoring property requisitioned at the outbreak of the last war. Motor vehicles form a case in point.

IS it not reasonable to ask that those who filled in those impressive and hopeful war claims forms should at least be given an assurance that the matter is being pressed in the proper quarters?

The people of Hongkong, who have contributed to the Colony's revenue for years and years and who lost their all, have a right to press their claims; moreover, the Government bears the responsibility of presenting those claims with all the persuasion it can command. The question of Hongkong's case for reparations is not one to be covered by the stereotyped red-tape treatment, but by the strongest representations which can be made, personally through Government, or in the last resort by the people themselves.

THE LAST OF AN ANCIENT SECT

The last dancing Dervish (Mawlawi) of Turkey has died in Istanbul. He was 70-year-old Sheikh Saliha-haddin Ozel who, as a young priest in Salonika, had whirled for hours with eyes closed, chanting prayers to Mohammed and Jala Ud-din Arghun, founder of the sect about 1000 A.D.

In middle age, Ozel left the priesthood, became a lay member of the Mawlawi. He started a successful matrimonial agency in Istanbul, was a justice of the peace and a town councillor.

He was a flaming piece of wood, as a sign of her exalted position. She does not appear at feasts. On account of her rank she is given the ordinary, everyday food in her kitchen and a special squad of singers howl outside her quarters all through the night. If she wishes to take exercise she is carried on a litter of branches round and round the compound. If she rebukes one of her children, it is killed. If the child gets in first, she is killed.

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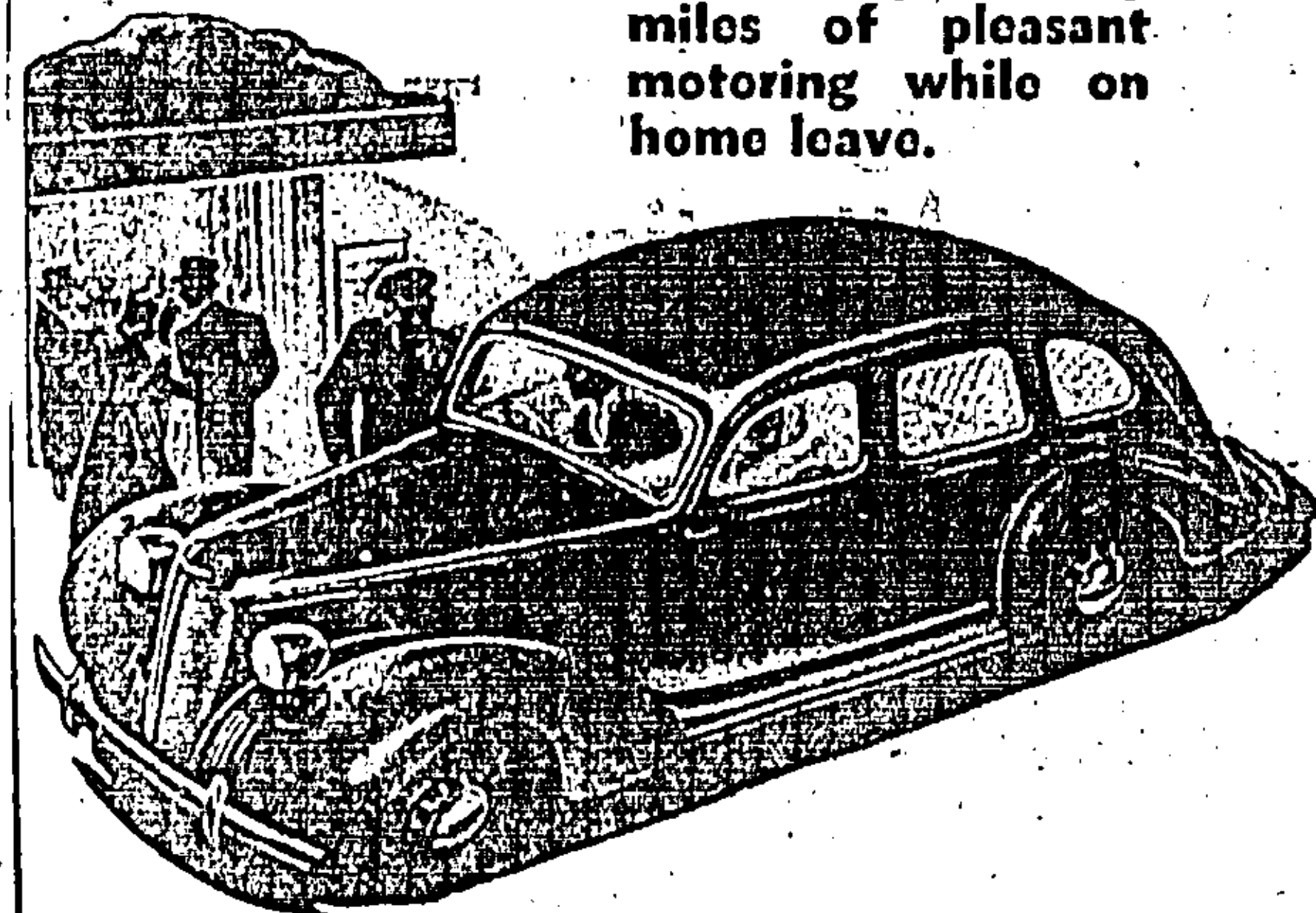
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Old days in Ahahaland
THE headman's chief wife is the most important woman in the village, with many privileges. She does no work, and is allowed to sit all day at the back of the kraal on a heap of baked mud. She is also the only woman who is entitled to have the largest size of ring pushed through her nose, and her forehead



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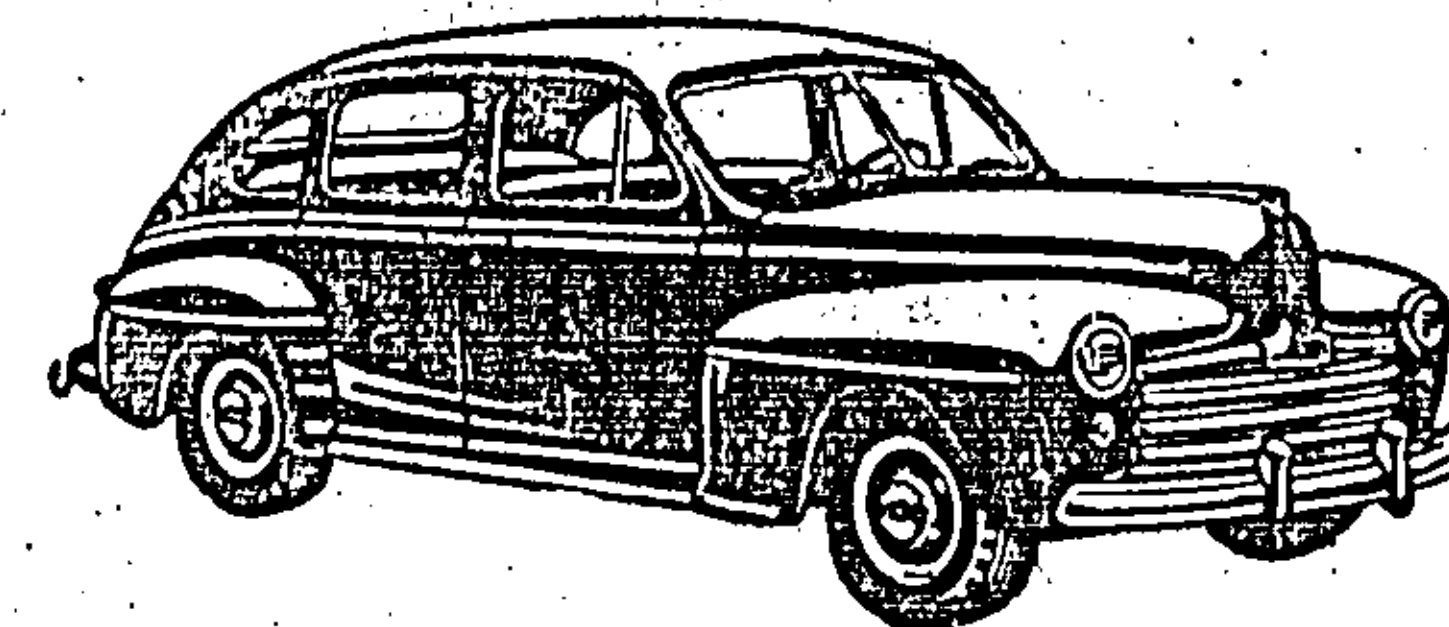
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Edinburgh Folk Music Festival

Numerous visitors from the Continent are expected among the many visitors to Edinburgh for the Festival of Folk Music and Folk Dancing from June 28 to July 3, under the direction of the Scottish Anthropological and Folklore Society. The Festival has been arranged with the approval of the Scottish Committee of the Arts Council of Great Britain, and is receiving the co-operation of the English Folk Dance and Song Society and similar bodies.—Associated Press.

BOOTLEGGERS IN THE PENTAGON

During the war the Pentagon, United States Army headquarters in Washington, was the object of many jokes because of its huge size. One joke was about a private who entered the building, got lost and came out six months later a captain. Now there is a real life Pentagon story. After six months of effort, guards have caught a bootlegger who was "smuggling" liquor into the Pentagon. He walked the long halls and washrooms, selling drinks and half-pint bottles.

DRAMAS OF THE LAW COURTS

Gun drama in court that saved a man's life

After he said 'I have shot a woman'

by A. E. BOWKER

who was confidential clerk to SIR EDWARD MARSHALL HALL, K.C., the famous defence counsel.

ALTHOUGH Sir Edward Marshall Hall had many triumphs through his spectacular career at the Bar, the little-known trial of Edward Lawrence was one of his greatest successes.

The facts were these. Edward Lawrence, a Wolverhampton brewer, had gone to a Dr Galbraith about 9.45 one evening drunk. He said: "Come at once, I have shot a woman."

At a later stage he said: "Good God! She's not dead, is she? For God's sake do everything you can for her."

Then a little later: "I'm glad I did it. She is best dead. She drove me to it. You don't know what a wicked woman she has been."

From which you will gather it was a pretty hopeless case!

The woman was Ruth Hadley, with whom Lawrence had been living.

She was a barmaid. Lawrence was arrested and charged.

AN ADMISSION Then a denial

On being charged he said to the police: "Murder, you say, do you? That's all right."

But later on, when he had sobered up a bit, he said: "Well—there's one thing. I didn't do it. You were not there when it was done. She shot herself."

So we have a dead woman with two bullet wounds, one in her right arm, one in her head; the admissions to the doctor and the police—true, made by a drunken man.

The man himself—reputation bad; character violent, previous convictions for savage assaults.

The trial came on at Stafford Assizes, and Mr. F. W. Sherwood, for the prosecution, insisted that the evidence was overwhelming, and that a verdict of murder was the only reasonable one.

Two sisters swore that Lawrence had shot at Ruth Hadley twice before, and had threatened to murder her.

Marshall Hall waited until Dr Powell was called for the prosecution to give evidence about the wounds.

This was the witness for whom our leader had been waiting.

The defence for the first time revealed to a breathless court that it was out for a complete acquittal and not a verdict of manslaughter.

It was daring—in view of what we were up against.

Marshall Hall suggested that the revolver had gone off accidentally while Lawrence was struggling with the woman.

I remember the doctor's reply, "No, sir," he said; "her face would have been blackened by a shot fired at such close range."

THE REVOLVER Counsel's demonstration

There was a stir as Marshall Hall picked up the revolver.

He motioned to Mr Copeland, solicitor for the defence, who took the weapon, pointing it at Marshall Hall.

Suddenly Marshall Hall grasped the solicitor's right wrist and forced it upwards, showing that if, as he suggested, the accused had seized the wrist of the woman who was threatening him the revolver could have been accidentally discharged and the woman shot through the head.

It was a dramatic demonstration. But it did not move the defence, who insisted that at such close quarters the woman's face must have shown some signs of scorching.

The prosecution closed, and the general feeling was that things looked very black against us.

Marshall Hall opened quietly to an attentive but what I felt was a hostile jury.

Instead of calling Lawrence himself as the first witness for the defence, which, if the prisoner is called at all, is the invariable practice in a capital charge, he called a number of others to prove that Ruth Hadley had been a woman of violent character and a drunkard.

Then, and not till then, when these points were firmly established in the minds of the jury, did Marshall Hall call Lawrence himself.

He was taken through his examination with unerring care by Marshall Hall.

Lawrence told of his adventures in South America, and admitted that since then he had always kept a revolver under his pillow.

He had not bought ammunition for more than 20 years.

He described how he and Ruth Hadley had become heavy drinkers.

Coming to the night of the tragedy he said they had both been drinking, the woman hurling crockery at him when he told her she was drunk.

He told her to get out. There was more quarrelling, and he got the revolver from the bedroom to fight her.

"I fired wide of her, but I must have wounded her in the arm," he told the court, explaining that he did not know it at the time.

Having fired one shot, he returned to the bedroom and hid the weapon under the mattress, and came back into the diningroom, where Ruth Hadley was swaying about.

She then rushed upstairs into the bedroom, turning over everything to find the revolver.

This was borne out by police evidence, for they stated that the room was in great disorder.

Presently Ruth came down again, said Lawrence, and pointed the revolver at him.

"I could see the hammer rising, and I sprang forward to save my life," he told the court. "I seized her right wrist, and as we struggled there the revolver went off and Ruth dropped to the floor."

There was a silence in court, broken by a murmur of excitement as Marshall Hall said: "Take the revolver, Lawrence. Show my lord and the jury exactly what happened."

The usher handed the weapon to Lawrence.

He took it, and before the eyes of the jury showed on his own wrist how the revolver would inevitably

point upwards when the wrist of the holder was gripped by another in the way shown.

It was clear that this demonstration made a great impression on the judge, for he ordered Lawrence to stand on the bench close to the jury, and demonstrate once more, this time with the clerk, Mr Moorman, holding the weapon.

Lawrence did so—three times, in fact, Moorman holding the revolver, Lawrence gripping his wrist and forcing it upwards.

It was a most impressive scene, and the court was spellbound.

The man was literally acquitting himself with his own testimony, corroborated in so many ways by evidence already given.

It had been proved, for example, that, owing to a defect, the weapon could be fired without the trigger being pulled.

His explanation of how the two shots were fired was convincing. The bedroom with the mattress turned over and things in disorder all fitted in.

But the main thing, of course, was the demonstration with the revolver repeated over again and again.

We learned afterwards that there was a fireman's expert on the jury, a fact which doubtless helped them to come to their verdict.

Another thing which impressed me was the apparent change in the disposition of the judge.

"It shows that it is possible for the shot to have been fired in this way," he told the jury, and I observed that from then onwards he addressed the prisoner as "Mr" Lawrence, and not just Lawrence.

SUMMING-UP
In favour of prisoner

With the whole aspect of the case changed, counsel addressed the jury. Marshall Hall went straight out and made a most powerful appeal for an acquittal.

Once more during his closing speech he handled the revolver to emphasise the point he had made with such dramatic effect.

There followed a favourable summing-up by Mr Justice Jelf, and the jury were absent only twenty minutes before returning their verdict of Not Guilty.

In acquitting Lawrence, Mr Justice Jelf addressed a few words of advice to him before he left the dock.

But so little did Lawrence heed them that within a few days he was charged with assault and fined, although I believe he was very greatly provoked.

BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

A STORY of a woman who met her brother after eighteen years and "hit him with her umbrella because he still wore a bowler," recalls to us who love literature the lines of Keats or someone.

We had waited twelve years for his coming. With "Welcome" displayed on the mat. But imagine our rage when he turned up. In a little round wickerwork hat.

He was gentle and loving as ever. With a small bit of fish for the cat. But the family just couldn't stomach it. His little round wickerwork hat.

No wonder the neighbours were sniggering.

No wonder our welcome fell flat. In sorrowful silence we kissed him. In his little round wickerwork hat.

Oh, was this what we'd prayed for and dreamed of. In our loneliness? Impudent brat! To return after twelve years in exile. In a little round wickerwork hat!

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SPORTS FEATURES

SHIELD SEMI-FINAL TIES TODAY

KMB v Sing Tao Is The Big Attraction

(By "SEE TEE")

Senior and Junior Shields Semi-finals today; and a full First Division programme tomorrow. That is the week-end soccer menu following three weeks dominated by the Shanghai and Manila Inter-port matches.

The most attractive match of the week-end is today's Senior Shield Semi-final, in which Sing Tao (the holders) face their strongest challengers, Kowloon Motor Buses.

Immediately before this match, the holders of the Junior Shield, the Royal Navy's "B" team, also face a very strong challenge, from the Motor Buses' second string.

The Senior Shield Semi-final tie between Sing Tao (Holders) and Kowloon Motor Buses is one of the most attractive ties of the whole competition. Before Sing Tao were reinforced by the stars from Kitechee, Kowloon Motor Buses beat them in a league match by 2-1. That was on November 2 when Tang Yee-Kit, the Motor Bus and Inter-port centre forward, scored both KMB's goals. Today Tang, with the support of Chau Man-eh and Cheuk Shek-kam, is going to give Sing Tao's defence one of their most trying afternoons.

Sing Tao, on the other hand, can call upon an eleven which, on paper at least, is far too strong for any other side in local football. I would go as far as to state that Sing Tao's present playing strength should be able to beat a team drawn from the cream of the other league clubs. Form suggests a Sing Tao victory by two or three clear goals. But it is the probability that Kowloon Motor Buses may produce something out of the bag which will draw the crowds to the Navy Ground this afternoon. It is quite a while since Causeway was a cupping occasion was used to any extent.

Sing Tao beat St Joseph's (4-2) and the Police (5-1) on their road to today's semi-final. Kowloon Motor Buses beat Chinese Athletic 1-0 in the first round of the Senior Shield competition. In the second round they had a hard struggle to get the better of South China and they owe their victory in no small measure to the thrust of Tang Yee-Kit. After a goalless first half South China took the lead. It was only during the last quarter of an hour that the Buses snatched the game out of the fire. Tang Yee-Kit scored the equaliser and the winning goal.

WHERE WILL CHANG PLAY

It will be interesting to see in which position the Sing Tao selectors play Chang Kam-hoi today. On several occasions recently, both in club and representative matches, Chang has played at left half back. I hope to see him return to the forward line. Half back play places far too many restrictions for Chang for he is a happy being. If he plays at left half and indulges in his usual wandering, Sing Tao's left defensive flank is going to be the weak spot. The Navy "B" team, much weakened by changes from the formidable combination which carried almost everything before it at the beginning of the season, will be battling hard to retain their hold upon the Junior Shield this afternoon.

noon. Their opponents, in the Junior Shield Semi-final which kicks-off at 2 p.m., are Kowloon Motor Buses' second division eleven. This should prove a very even encounter with the odds very slightly favouring the Buses.

The other two semi-finals (senior and junior shields) are also to be played this afternoon. The venue is the Police Ground, Boundary Street, Kowloon. In the Senior tie Eastern are to meet Kitechee. These are two exceptionally well matched sides. They have met twice in league matches this season. On October 2 Kitechee beat Eastern at the Club Ground 3-2. On January 11, however, Eastern turned the tables. In a most exciting match they beat Kitechee 2-0, after being severely taxed in the second half. But it was a day on which things did not go right for Kitechee. Kwoik missed a penalty kick, skinned the Eastern upright a little later and then finished up as a lame wingman.

Nevertheless, although beaten 2-0, Kitechee had much of the play. This victory of less than two months ago, however, will hearten Eastern considerably. Today's tie is one of the most open matches of the season. Eastern's road to the semi-final has been at the expense of the Buses and the Club, both of whom they beat 2-2. Kitechee's successes were over the Inniskillings 3-0, and 25th IA 2-0.

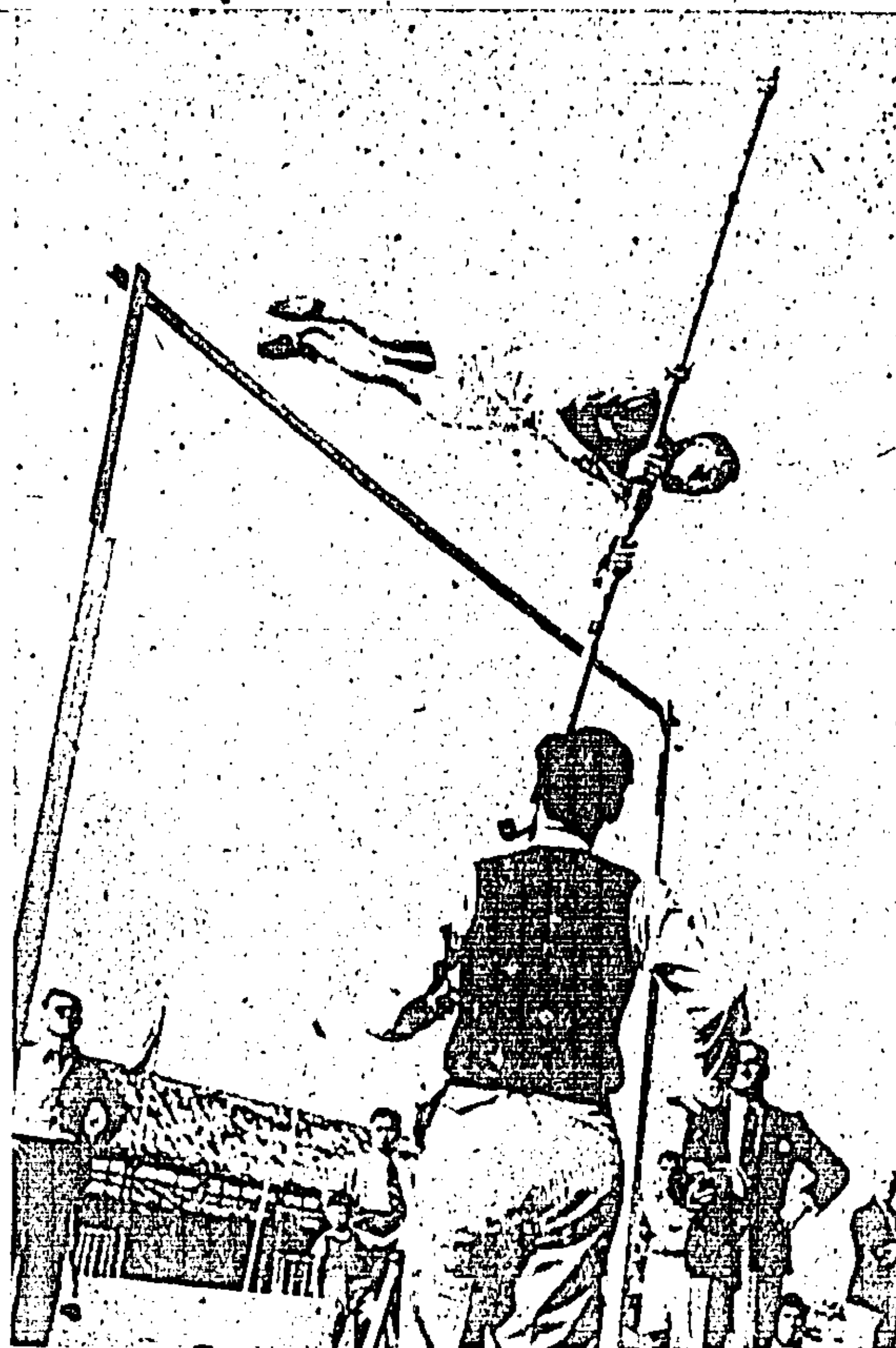
The Junior Shield semi-final which precedes this Eastern-Kitechee match is between the second strings of Chinese AA and South China. Both South China and CAA had to go to extra time to secure the verdicts in the last round. South China beat the Club's 2nd XI 2-1, while CAA beat the hitherto all-conquering Eastern 4-3. This victory is a great feather in CAA's cap, because of it they will start strong favourites this afternoon.

TOMORROW'S GAMES

Tomorrow's league matches are counterparts to games played at the end of October. At Soekunpoo the RAF meet the Inniskillings, but both elevens have changed much since the last meeting when the Airmen won 5-3. The other match between 25th IA and the Buses is the first meeting of these two sides.

The crowds will flock to the Club Ground in big numbers for the two first division matches which are to be played there tomorrow. The early match, kick-off 2.30 p.m., recalls memories of St Joseph's striking 1-0 victory over Kitechee on the Navy Ground. The Saints are expected to extend Kitechee again, especially as Kitechee may be feeling the effects of today's cup tie.

Kwong Wah beat the Navy 2-0 at their last meeting, while Kowloon Motor Buses were too good for Eastern by the odd goal of three.



SPLENDID ACTION STUDY of Chu Fook-sing in the pole vault, which event he won for South China Athletic Association in the quadrangular meeting held last Saturday.—Golden Studio.

Softball Chatter By "Spectator"

Chief Interest Centred On Women's Pennant Struggle

Current interest is focussed on the Women's League as the end of the competition comes into sight. This week, Wildcats, one of the three of five teams challenging for the championship, have to withstand a big threat to pennant aspirations.

The conspicuously strengthened Canadians, their opposing numbers, may now turn out to be a stumbling block on the road to Pennantville for any of the three aspiring squads—and it could be the Untamed Felines.

The time, the place for the Wildcats-Canadian (top-billing) Tomorrow, 2.30 p.m., CBA ground, King's Park.

Amongst the mere males, in the virtually decided "A" Division, two high-standard playing contingents clash to provide another attractive engagement. Big Bill Woo's hard-hitting Canadians are to vie for superiority with the Recreio under "soft-heart" Tony Gonsalves. This tussle should prove to be a close fight and one of the best in the full card of League fixtures for the week.

Doc Molten's Wildcats have hung on tenaciously, although given a severe lull when they had to concede a walk-over which has put them one game behind the Wahos and Madcap Aces, their rivals. They beat the Wahos last week convincingly, their tower of strength, hurler Dolly Brown, practically leading enemy batters in knots. Will she be able to do that to the Canucks tomorrow?

The Maple Leaf femmes have quite a forceful batting side, but Dolly is expected to be a match. For the offensive, the Cats can count on a good number of their nine. There is of course currently reigning Queen of the Batters Edie Babida. Then Peggy Barros and Thelma Watson combined to spearhead the high-power battering Wildcat machine. Fiery skipper Cynthia Motta's bunting is another threat. She was once seen causing chaos in the infield with a deceptive bunt.

PAPER STRENGTH

The Wildcats look stronger somewhat on paper than why is an upset by the Canadians not unexpected? There is this question: Are the Cats capable of slamming Big Chief Alice Mar's smooth, swift deliveries at will? She has returned to form. Backing her up is a reliable field and added to that, most of the Canucks can hit the ball—they may be able to do that to even Dolly Brown—who knows. Chieftain Alice herself, Ulian Khoo and Jean Lee are in the Big Ten of the batting averages and they may spoil Dolly's splendid record.

The Cats can ill afford to drop another game. They should be warned not to slack for a moment, for a break too many given to the "new life" Canucks, may cause them the game.

The Wahos were ruling high and mighty at the top of the table when they entered the field against Wildcats who, on the other hand, were staging a "life and death" struggle to remain in the running. Dropping that decision meant finish, but they did not drop it. They fought uphill for five long stanzas. They threatened to score on more than one occasion, but Wahoo fielding was heads up. Meanwhile, their crack twirler Dolly Brown went her way striking them out. Finally 11 were forced to fan the breeze. Her opposite number Terry Noronha, Wahoo Big Shot, fanned two and was smashed for nine satellites, against Dolly's five.

SPORTING SAM

By Reg. Wootton



Wanted a Man to— RIDE, RUN, SWIM, FIGHT

By HYLTON CLEAVER

Any adventurous and ardent musketeer, rich in confidence, unstinted in courage, may yet qualify for one vacancy in Britain's Olympic team. And he may find a field-marshal's baton in his kit.

In the Modern Pentathlon a British champion was Captain Horrocks. Today he is Lieut. general Sir Brian Horrocks, G.O.C. What is the Modern Pentathlon? In story-book terms it means leaping into the saddle to take an urgent despatch. The messenger covers a 3½ mile point-to-point course with sixteen obstacles, and imagines his horse then shot from under him.

OVER THE RIVER

Now he must run. He makes another 2½ miles over natural country, swims a strong turbulent river 330 yards wide. Faced by the enemy, he shoots his way out; when ammunition is exhausted, draws sword and fights a duel. What more could a boy of the right stuff ask?

Now you see why this event is fostered by the Services. It is the test of a soldier. Two of the likeliest today are Sandhurst cadets. Until they can be developed, the gap will be closed by regular soldiers who competed in 1932 and 1936 and are now on the 49 mark.

They were sublimely then. Today they are Major C.P.D. Legard, Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards, and Lieut-colonel V. Barlow, King's Shropshire Light Infantry.

CIVILIAN WILL DO

The Army do not want this to stay a Service monopoly. They call for the best in the land. The Director of Military Training and the Inspector of P.T. at War Office, say that if there is one ambitious, soul-stirred exponent of pentathlon skill in Britain who needs only the opportunity to train, a horse to ride, some where to swim, they will take care of him. He can be soldier, sailor, airman, policeman or civilian.

Our scouts have been to Stockholm. Best in the world are Hungary or Sweden. But of 52 nations entered for the Games only 13 have taken on the Modern Pentathlon; and only seven tried their luck at Stockholm. So all we really need now is a couple of strapping lads who are modern Dick Turpins, with the soul of Drake and the spirit of Shackleton.

the ball went to deep centre, resulting in four runs scored. It was Peggy's moment—well done!

The Wahos failed, in their last turn at bat. It was a deserving victory for the Wildcats who, looking from all angles, played better than the Mighty Wahos. While the winners committed three errors against the losers' two, this proved of no significance.

CRAMER'S FEAT

In the other games of last week, a feat not expected to be equalled for a long time, was achieved by Madcap's sensational find, the dashing American, hurler Dale Cramer. Not a single hit was registered by South China in their game against the Madcaps, who won with a lot of runs to spare—17-2. Too late in the season, Edie Marques has acquired another ball playing star—Don Teeters, who showed his worth with a 3-in-5 classy return.

It has been heard from bleachers on more than one occasion of the old warhorse, Saint catcher Harold Winglee, that he is a "no-hit wonder." However, believe it or not but it's the truth: He beat out three satellites in four trips for his team which whittled the lowly placed Rovers 14-0. Good work, Hal!

The Canadians banged their way to a 14-4 walk-over over the VRC. Tony Lopes apparently was in an unusual haze: he gave away 11 free passes—too generous, don't you think?

The Filipinos did not return to the picture with enough force against Recreio. They got beaten eight runs to three. Established batter of reliability all-rounder Gerry Gosano shone out in this fracas with a 100 percent batting achievement. He beat out two neat hits in the same number of attempts.

The battle of the joint leaders in the "B" Division turned out to be an easy over-running of the youthful Rexes by Daredevils. The Rexes swallowed hard with a 22-7 drubbing.

Tomorrow's fixtures are:
Men's "A" Division
CBA ground—8.30 a.m. St Joseph's v. Ellipinos, 11.15 a.m. Canadians v. Recreio.
Recreio football ground—9.30 a.m. Madcaps v. Rovers, 11.15 a.m. South China v. VRC.
Police ground, Boundary Street—10 a.m. Baseballers v. Police.
Women's Division
CBA ground—2.30 p.m. Canadians v. Wildcats.

SECOND EXTRA RACE MEETING

GOOD PROGRAMME ARRANGED

(By "THE TURF")

The Hongkong Jockey Club will hold its Second Extra Race Meeting at the Valley this afternoon. First ball will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2 o'clock.

The programme consists of ten events and only nine races are confined to the drawing of Cash Sweep Tickets.

This will be the first meeting of the "new" ponies with the "old" ones and the outcome should be very interesting.

The main event of the day, the Newmarket Handicap, for "A" Class ponies, should prove to be a tussle between Daisy Bell and Alaman and it will be very interesting to note how the Derby winner rates against "Class" winners.

CATTERICK BRIDGE STAKES (1st Section)

The programme opens with a race for the 1948 Australian "D" Class and "Unclassified" ponies. The three ponies that will most probably catch the punter's eye are: Fleeta, National Gift and City of Melbourne. For a good outside chance watch Hyaline. Fleeta which came fourth in the Newmarket Handicap, a very strong pony this time, but powerful opposition will come from National Gift and City of Melbourne.

ASCOT HANDICAP (1st Section) "B" Class

Anything can happen in this event for "B" Class, over six furlongs. Cooper with the allotted weight of 150 lbs, should repeat his success, though now it has an increase of 5 lbs since its last outing when it beat Avalon in the excellent time of 1.10 under the good jockeyship of Donald Black. Hurricane (154 lbs) is a very speedy animal and if this pony springs out at the "go" it will be hard to overtake.

HURST PARK HANDICAP (1st Section) "C" Class

First Section "C" Class Australian Ponies of 1947 and 1948 will battle out this event of one mile. On the list of entries the old ponies in my opinion are a shade better than the new, but in a race like this, it is hard to predict which will win. I have a notion that the result of this race will probably rest between Shanghai Beauty (155 lbs) Never-tired (130 lbs) and Priority (158 lbs), with King Fisher as an outsider.

CATTERICK BRIDGE STAKES (2nd Section)

For this second lot of new Australian Subscription Ponies over one mile, National Glory, Some Fun and Sprinter appear to be the pick.

National Glory (147 lbs) under a novice rider on the last day of the Annual Meeting was placed third to Blue Sky and Strathmarrara in a mile race, and now has a golden opportunity of winning as the distance suits the pony very well. Some Fun (147 lbs) with R. C. K. Chui up at the First Extra Race Meeting came fourth to Amazon and also has a bright chance here. Sprinter (152 lbs) with Needa up at the last day of the Annual Meeting was third to Sapientia, but it was only a half mile event, so I cannot recommend more than a minor post. Superspies will be a danger.

NEWMARKET HANDICAP "A" Class

An equal number of ponies on either side (old and new) will be out in this main event of seven furlongs. Norse Queen, the Champion pony, will not be coming out so you can expect to see a very close and exciting finish. Alaman with 156 lbs to shoulder this time, will have to be at its best to match Daisy Bell (159 lbs). Shannon with only 139 lbs can be expected to give the above two a close race. Fifth Alarm (147 lbs) promoted from the "B" Class lately is in the best of form and may spring a surprise.

DONCASTER HANDICAP "B" Class

In this mile and a quarter event for "B" Class (old and new)

ponies, Peggy with 159 lbs will have a big say and looks safe for a bet. This pony came second to Fifth Alarm on the second day of the Annual Carnival (with 150 lbs) over this same distance. Avalon with only 140 lbs is not to be ignored, for it can be sure of giving a very good performance. Lanna (138 lbs) Desert Knight (138 lbs) King of Peace (138 lbs) and Pleasant Valley (138 lbs) are the new ponies worth watching.

HURST PARK HANDICAP (2nd Section) "C" Class

This mile race will probably result as follows: Airfield (159 lbs) Sovereign (147 lbs) and Fluke Shot (142 lbs). Airfield (159 lbs) with Tang Man-on in the saddle came in a very good second on the third day of the Annual Meeting losing only by a length to Shanghai Beauty and should win this event though the distance is a bit longer. Shalin stands a good chance of causing an upset here for this pony has a very good last quarter.

CATTERICK BRIDGE STAKES (3rd Section)

For this one mile open to 1948 Australian Subscription ponies Ding How will certainly be the favourite for it has been running consistently well and is now due for a win. Sino-Marshall will undoubtedly be a menace as it has shown quite an improvement lately, being third to Meteorologist in a mile race at the First Extra Meeting. The Dingo and Trade Wind will most likely fight out the third position.

ASCOT HANDICAP (2nd Section) "B" Class

To decide what will be the outcome of this event for "B" Class old and new ponies one has to go carefully over the entries. All of the ponies are more or less of equal standard. Among the old, Masterpiece (140 lbs) National Congress (144 lbs) Red Fox (140 lbs) Speed-awny (154 lbs) and Sunshine (155 lbs) stand good chances of winning, while among the new lot, Arlington (142 lbs) Flying Jib (142 lbs) Rebel (142 lbs) and Windermere (142 lbs) are the pick. My selections for this race are: Speedawny, Sunshine and Windermere.

CATTERICK BRIDGE STAKES (4th Section)

Most favoured starters in this final event will probably be Autumn Leaf, Justice of Peace, Prince of Foxes and Wright. Autumn Leaf and Wright have both been placed fourth in a mile event, while Justice of Peace and Prince of Foxes have finished fourth but over a distance of six furlongs.

Arthur Peall says:

Hot argument followed when a free ball from leave shown at top of table. He protested that he could not hit any point of red, the ball on the table. He meant a direct stroke. He was entitled to a free ball. Onomatopoeic that from position shown the ball on must be touching snookering ball before a free ball could be awarded.

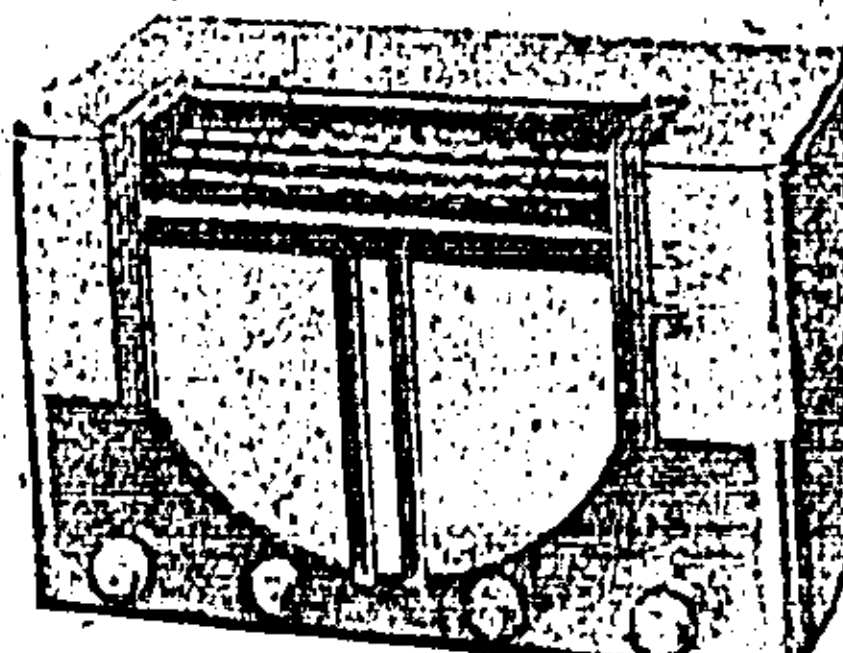
This is a common error. Striker has a free ball from leave shown in diagram. Since cannon direct from red to white is offered on right of diagram, but it is not so easy when you are interested in more than two points for the cannon. Clever ball control is needed as you manipulate a cue cushion, run through cannon, played to leave white up towards the top and double red across the table for position near middle pocket.

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ACTION AT THE CHINESE "Y". Johnny Lai and Sky Lee mixing it during their exhibition boxing bout at the Chinese YMCA last Saturday night.—Golden Studio.

Are You Sure?

Answers on Page 10

1. Apart from Uncle Tom Cobble and the old grey mare, would Widecombe Fair be complete without—
Bill Brewer, Jan Stewer, Peter Gurney, Don't Whiddon, Harry Hawke?
2. The first Christian martyr in Britain was—
St. Augustine, St. Alban, St. George?
3. The last of the Barons was written by—
Lytton Strachey, Rudyard Kipling, Thackeray, Harrison Ainsworth?
4. How much gold is there in 18 karats?
5. Which of these was the first to be drunk in Britain—
Whisky, beer, mead, tea, coffee, cocoa?
6. The second highest mountain is—
Mandala Devi, Mount Godwin-Austen, Nanga Parbat, Kanchenjunga?
7. One of these shows ran for more than 2,000 consecutive performances—
Blithe Spirit, Me and My Girl, Charles's Aunt, Chu Chin Chow, Aramite and Old Lace, Quiet Week-End?
8. The first Palladium was—
Planet, statue, music-hall, rare metal, eccentric clan?
9. Which of these might a Scotsman wear on his head—
Balmoral, Inverness, Glen-garry, Pibroch?
10. The inn that was the meeting place of Ben Johnson and his friends was—
Kit Kat Club, Mermaid Tavern, Jolly Roger, Mitre.

1956 Olympics For Scotland?

The Scottish Tourist Board has been informed that the Olympic Games Committee might welcome from Scotland an invitation to hold the 1956 Olympic Games in Scotland.

This intimation was made to the Dundee Lord Provost's Committee in a letter from the Tourist Board manager asking if Dundee would support an invitation from Scotland. Support of the invitation has been agreed to in principle, but Dundee authorities are making further enquiries into the expenditure such an invitation would involve.

MEDICAL SCIENCE TURNS TO HYPNOTISM

Dramatic cures with new trance technique

HYPNOTISM has come down off the vaudeville stage, out of the circus sideshow into the hushed, dignified halls of American medical science.

No longer regarded with either fear or derision, hypnotism is credited by the American Psychiatric Association with accomplishing "impressive results" in the treatment of patients suffering from a combination of mental and physical ailments—called psychosomatic diseases.

It first began to receive its new "legitimate" status when the United States Army became aware of its potentialities during the war.

SHELL EXPLODED

A German phosphorus shell exploded near a 27-year-old soldier. Though his eyes were uninjured, he was carried away psychologically blind.

At an Army general hospital noted psychiatrist Dr. Montague Ullman put the young soldier into a hypnotic state and asked him to describe his harrowing experience.

Then the psychiatrist told the soldier again and again, "You're cured. You can see again."

When the soldier awoke from the trance his vision was restored.

Later Dr. Ullman made more experiments on the soldier during subsequent hypnotic tests.

"You've burned the back of your left hand," it was suggested.

"A molten bit of shell hit it and glanced off."

To add realism the back of the hand was gently brushed with a small flat nail file at room heat.

Where the file touched the skin a whiteness immediately appeared, followed 20 minutes later by a narrow red margin.

An hour later a blister began to appear.

Next day the outer skin sloughed away from what looked like a second degree burn.

In three days the raw area had healed without a scar.

This and similar experiments so convinced tough sceptical Army leaders that hypnotism was something more than mere hocus-focus that after V-J Day 50 clinics were set up throughout the nation to help neurotic veterans make a satisfactory adjustment to civilian life.

The importance of the new alliance between the "black magic" of hypnotism and the "white magic" of medical science cannot be overestimated.

In America it is estimated that only 10 to 15 percent of sick and ailing have purely organic disease. At least 6,000,000 other Americans suffer from some mental disorder.

PAINLESS CHILDBIRTH

One of the most valuable uses of medical hypnosis is in inducing painless childbirth.

Both "formal" and "informal" hypnosis are employed in such cases. In the latter the patients are not put in a trance but merely, submitted to power suggestion.

It is this type of informal hypnosis which is gaining widespread popularity in the United States.

Much of it is based on the work of English obstetrician Dr. Granly Read.

Read's method had its first test in New York one afternoon in 1943.

In a New Jersey hospital a hysterical woman lay in labour.

A quick call brought Dr. Blackwell Sawyer to her bedside.

He had read only half of Dr. Read's book, but decided to try the method anyway.

The result was astonishing. With a few quiet, reassuring words Dr. Sawyer turned the screaming woman into a calm, co-operative patient.

NOT ON LARGE SCALE

An hour later, almost painlessly without anaesthetic, the baby was born.

The mother turned to Dr. Sawyer and said, "You changed my delivery from a nightmare into the finest experience of my life. Why didn't you tell me about this sooner?"

Hundreds of American women every year now turn to this technique and that of formal hypnosis to make labour both easier and shorter.

But formal hypnosis—putting patients into a trance—is not feasible on an extensive scale.

In other fields, hypnosis is curing children from stuttering, nail-biting, cross-eyes, and helping adults to give up smoking and drinking.

During the war, hypnotist Howard Klein even succeeded in extracting vital information regarding Nazi agents in America from a captured German submarine captain.

Since then, Klein has tried some daring new experiments on the human body.

In one of the most unusual cases Klein gives the subject in the trance two small cuts on the hand. Then, while they are bleeding he tells the patient to halt the bleeding from one of the cuts.

The blood instantly ceases. Klein then tells the subject to allow the first cut to bleed and to halt the other.

In an instant the flow of blood is completely reversed.

RESPONSE

Dr. Clark Bellows, director of the New York Institute of Hypnology, in an interview, contradicted the impression that only the weak-minded respond to hypnosis. He pointed out that idiots and imbeciles are impossible subjects whereas the "strong-minded" can easily be hypnotised, if they co-operate, because of their ability to concentrate.

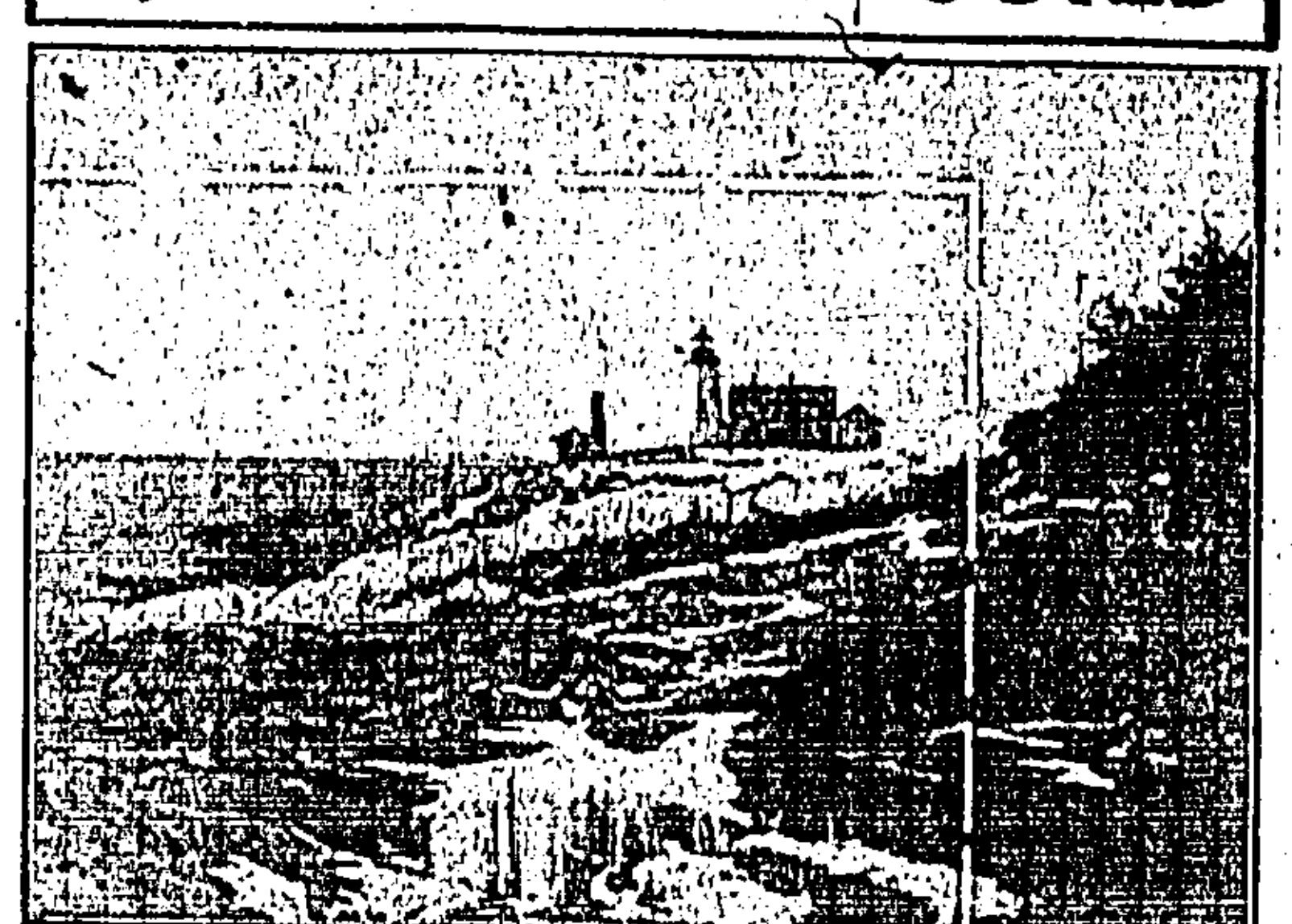
—OTTO OLSEN

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"If Mildred isn't a bit more careful about her friends, she'll end up as Partridge on casserole at 8s. 6d. a go before you can say Strachey."

The SNAPSHOT GUILD



Landscapes and other scenes can be improved by cropping to eliminate unnecessary details.

BE CONCISE

OFF HAND it is hard to think of a bigger bore than the chronic story-teller who stretches every anecdote with a

score of minor details, wearing thin at once his story and the patience of his listeners. An anecdote should be concise, uncluttered by meaningless trivia. And, while we seldom class scenic or landscape under the heading of "story-telling" pictures, such pictures too, can profit greatly from simplicity and conciseness. One of the commonest faults is the tendency of beginners to include too much in shots of this type.

Simple composition, in fact, is the basis of good scenic shots. To get such composition the most effective viewpoint should be selected for the camera position. And, often a part of the picture may well be cropped in the final print.

Let us consider the picture reproduced here; first, as it appears in its entirety, and then as it appears if we cover up the area outside the dashed line with two pieces of paper or our hand—cropping out the unwanted portions.

It is quickly apparent that the tree at the right adds nothing to the picture. On the contrary it serves to take emphasis from the lighthouse. Without it, the picture enclosed by the dashed line better conveys the feeling of loneliness which we associate with lighthouses.

Similarly, by cropping the top of the print, we improve composition by "raising" the horizon—it no longer divides our picture in half. This too adds emphasis to the rocky coast, the melting snow along the ledges.

All in all, it is easy to see how cropping has simplified the picture, eliminating those parts of the scene that add nothing to it. And, by eliminating them, it has focussed attention on the bleak prospect presented by a remote lighthouse in early spring.

John van Guilder.

FROM HERE AND THERE:

ANTI-POLITICAL POSTMAN

New York.—The race for President is warming up, but a Michigan postman takes a poor view of the whole thing. He admits destroying 100 political circulars because "there's too much of that stuff in the mails."

WHAT THEN?

Montreal.—Sir William Hildred, chairman of the International Air Transport Association, said here that he would not be satisfied until he could breakfast in London and lunch in New York. As the air traveller saved five hours in crossing the Atlantic it might some day be possible to leave London early on Saturday morning and arrive in Montreal late the previous Friday night.

THE THAMES SPARE BRIDGES

Johannesburg.—Spans from London's war emergency bridges will soon be carrying traffic across the Kafue River in Northern Rhodesia if the London County Council accepts tenders that have just been submitted. Londoners would gladly see the last of the bridges. None were bombed; they are still there, but closed with barred wire.

WHY FLY IT?

New York.—Sixty tons of gold, worth £50,000,000, will be flown to London shortly from Germany. This is part of looted Nazi gold now stored in vaults of the Reichbank in Frankfurt. There are 50 tons more in the vaults, making a total of £27,500,000, but it will be flown to America. An official of Pan-American Airways, awarded the contract to ship the loot, said he thought 22 flights would be necessary to fly the gold to the Bank of England and an even larger number to carry American's share over the Atlantic. Most of this gold was recovered in April 1945 from the salt mines in Neukirchen, in Thuringia, where it was hidden by Germans.

YOUR NIGHTMARE?

Cape Town.—A man with a nervous twitch of the eyebrows was surprised to find himself the owner of a whale gunboat at a sale here when the auctioneer came to ask his name. Bidding on the whaler Hector IV, lying at Saldanha Bay, was opened at £2,000 and soon twitched up to £4,000, where bidding and twitching stopped until the whaler was knocked down.

MORE JUSTICE

New York.—The majority of America's child criminals come from homes broken up by divorce. That has given heretofore C. H. Morris what he thinks may be a brilliant idea. "Love pirates"—who steal other people's husbands and wives—do their share of the breaking up. So in Michigan, Kansas, he is preparing a suit on behalf of ten-month-old Bobby Wood. The baby will ask \$6250 damages from a young woman, who will be accused of breaking up his parents' marriage. "If I can get it through the higher courts," says Morris, "we can make philanderers pay and help to halt juvenile delinquency."

BAD LUCK

France.—Riverside gambling establishments, already badly hit by the

loss of foreign, and especially British, visitors, have all had a new setback by the government calling in the 5,000-franc notes. Takings have already slumped by a half, since the gamblers have had to turn in these notes and wait for the state to refund them. Three of the four largest gambling establishments in Nice are working at a loss, and one of three is reported to be closing down soon.

Monte Carlo Casino has been steadily losing money for nearly a year, and employees are worrying over the latest report—that 400 of them are going to be sacked.

OLYMPIC PRELIMINARIES

New York.—London's Olympic Games have already resulted in solid bookings for June and July, two trans-Atlantic air lines reported.

Pan-American plans an extra daily flight to London during the week. American Overseas Airlines will increase operating schedules by five flights weekly. There will be few, if any, vacant seats on any airliner this summer. Plans to give American food for Britain's Olympic athletes is heartily endorsed by Charles Ormstein, food manager of the United States team. He will be glad to supply it. But he knows of no official British request. Miss D. Boeckmann, who coached the American women's team in the 1936 Olympics, advises the committee not to send a women's team to London. European women developed powerful physiques from doing men's jobs during the war, she explains, and they will sweep all events.

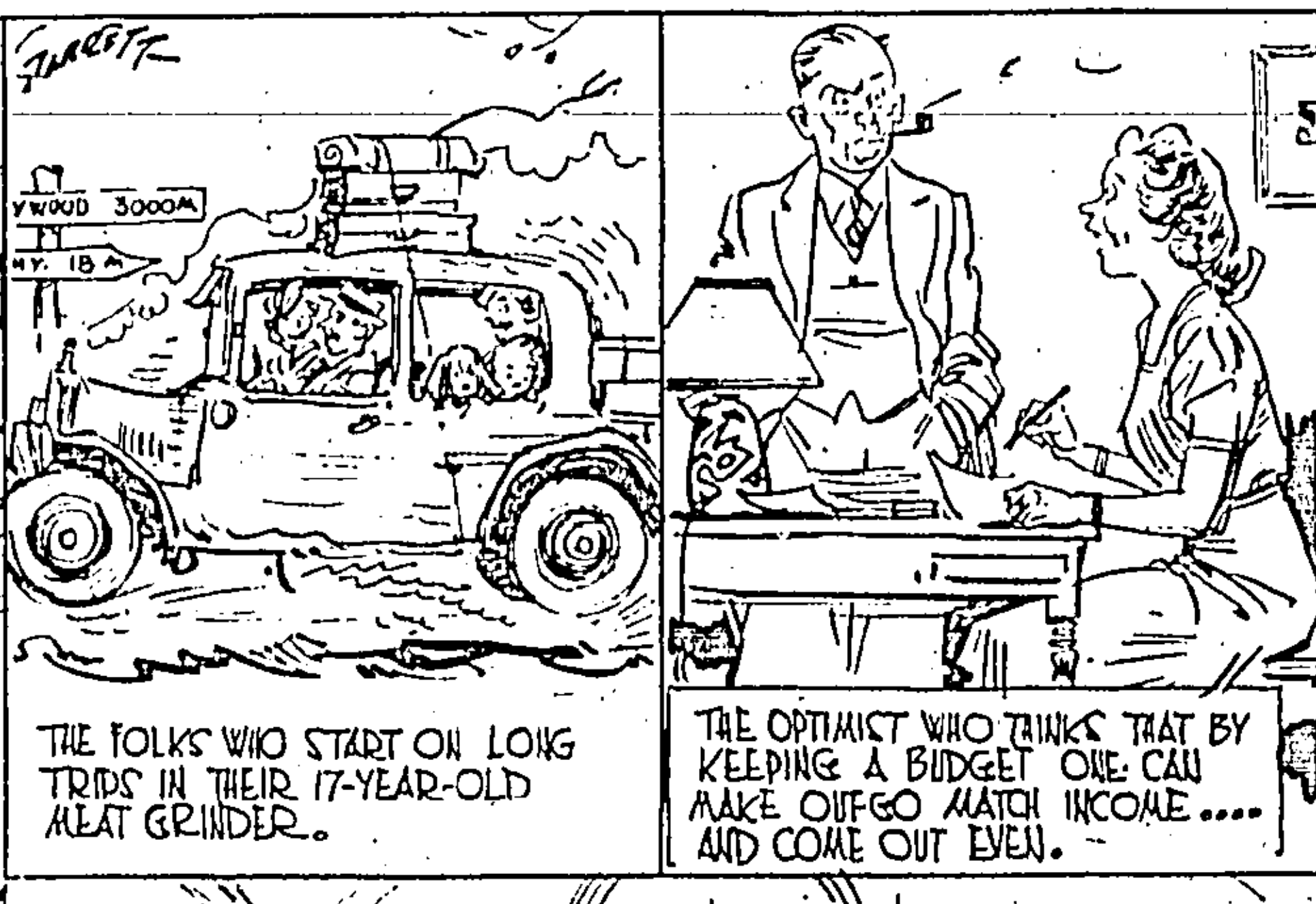
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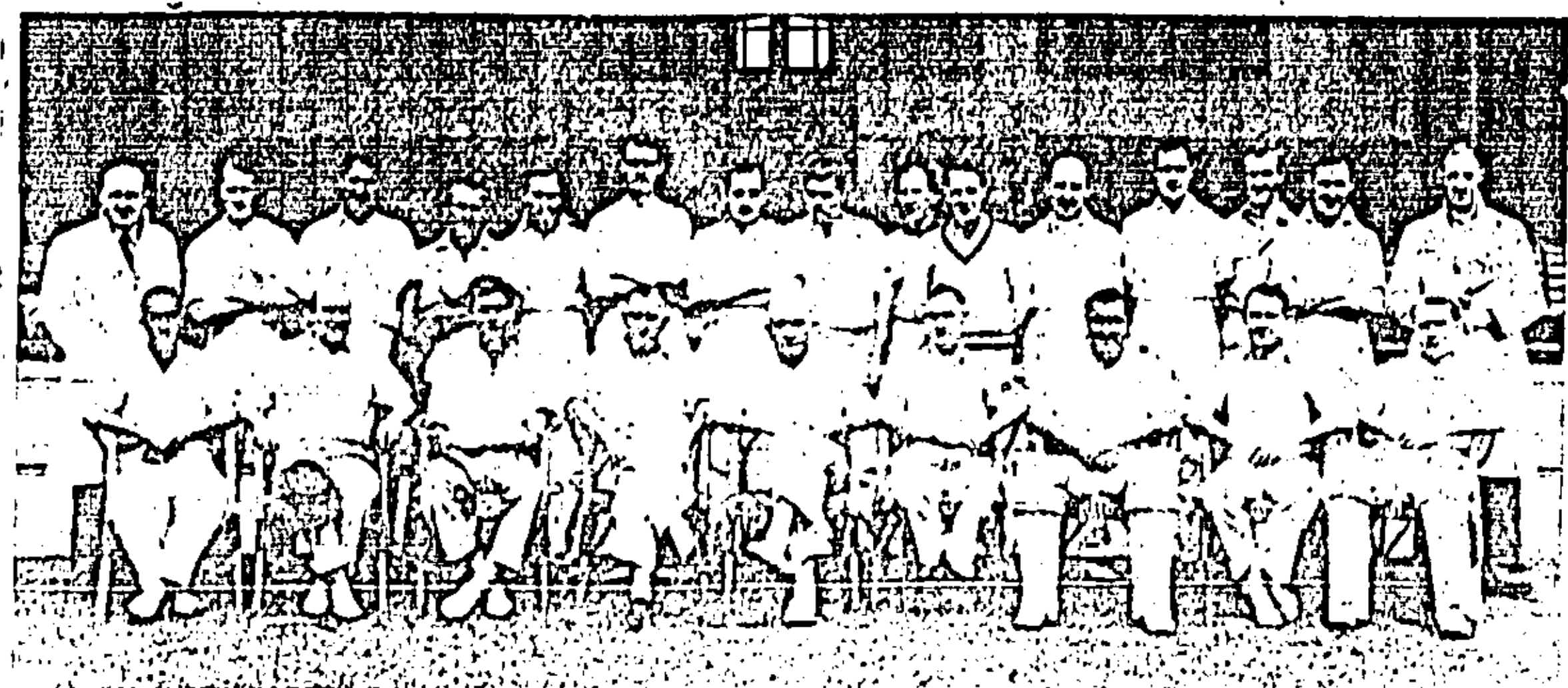


AN' AFTER IT'S PRINTED I'LL GET A HUNDERT GRAND FROM TH' ROYALS.

TELEGRAPH WEEK-END PICTORIAL



THE Rev. Clifford Davies, Chaplain of HMS Tamar, dedicating the bell presented to the Church of the Holy Trinity by the Boom Defence and Salvage Department of the British Pacific Fleet last Sunday. (Photo: Mee Cheung)



FRIENDLY CRICKET—Butterfield and Swire's team won by 77 runs from Dodwell and Co., Ltd., in a friendly match last Sunday. Above: the teams lined up before the game. (Photo: Golden Studio)



REGISTRY WEDDING—Mr. Chau Yat-sun and his bride, formerly Miss Chan Yu-ling, photographed after their wedding recently at the Registry. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



SCENE in the grounds of the Catholic Cathedral last Sunday when a procession was held on the occasion of the Feast of Our Lord of Passos. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



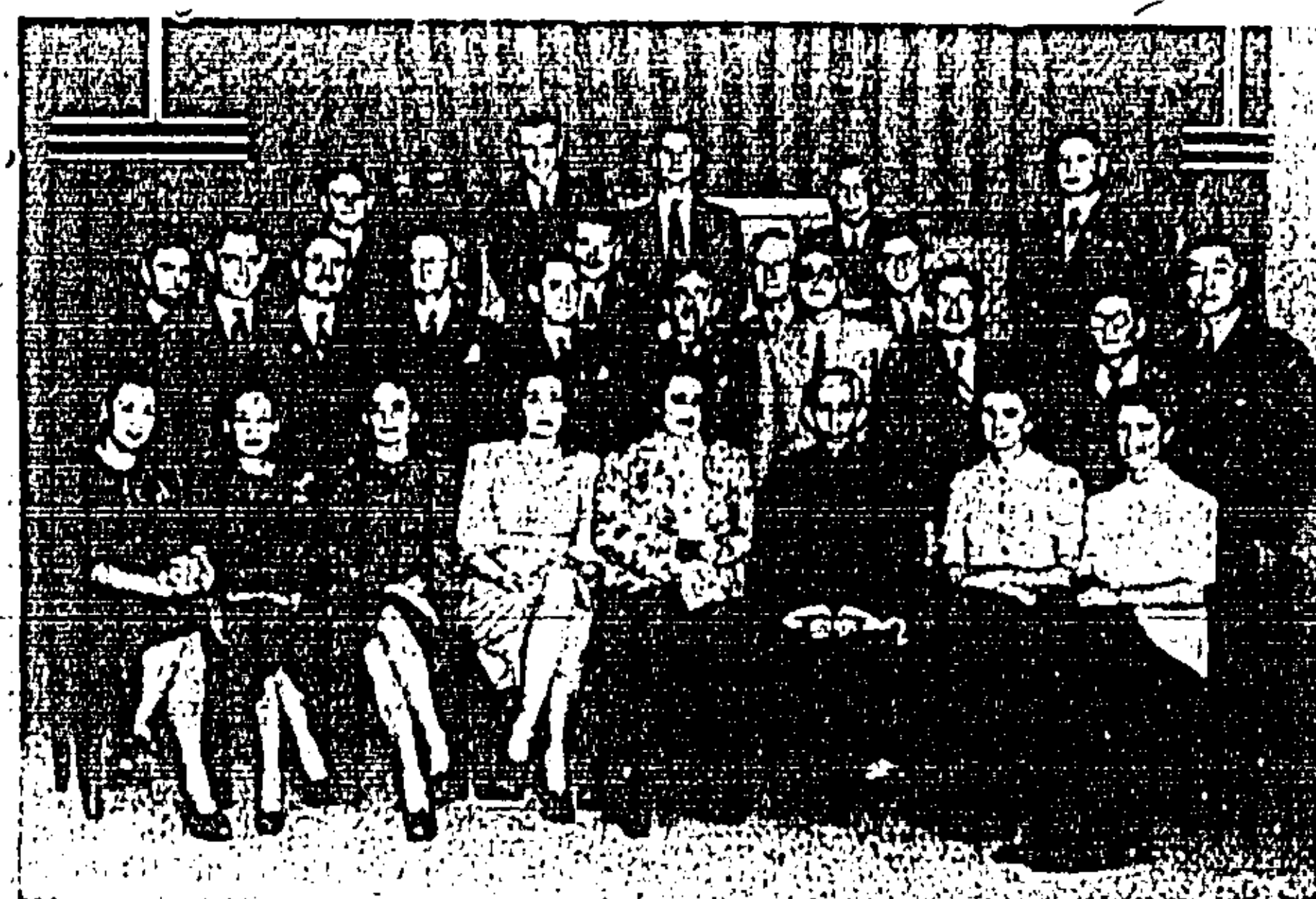
BELOW: Royal Hongkong Golf Club members and visitors from the Wack-Wack Golf Club of Manila, who played an inter-club match on Sunday last. The honours went to Hongkong. Picture was taken at Fanling. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



A FAREWELL party was given to Mr. I. B. Trevor (seated second from left) by some of his friends of the St John Ambulance Brigade at the Golden City Restaurant on the eve of his departure for England on furlough. (Photo: Mee Cheung)



OLD boys of King's College gave a dance at the Metropole Hotel last week. Picture shows the President of the Old Boys' Association, Mr. Wong Chi-po (third from left) and his party. (Photo: Ming Yuen)



GROUP photo taken at a farewell dinner in honour of Mr. A. Pollard, Director of Audit, and Mr. H. R. Hirst, Accountant General (fourth and fifth from left, middle row) on the eve of their departure from Hongkong. Mr. Hirst left in the RMS Canton, and Mr. Pollard will be leaving next Wednesday. (Photo: Mee Cheung)



MR. Peter H. Sin presenting the trophy to CPO Perks, who won the middleweight event of the boxing card at the Chinese YMCA gymnasium last Saturday. (Photo: Golden Studio)



LONG SERVICE—Mr. B. W. Bradbury (second from right) and Mr. W. MacFarlane (extreme left), who have retired from the Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Co., Ltd. after 39 and 29 years' service respectively, pictured with Mrs. Bradbury (centre) and Mrs. MacFarlane at the cocktail party given in their honour last week. (Photo: Mee Cheung)

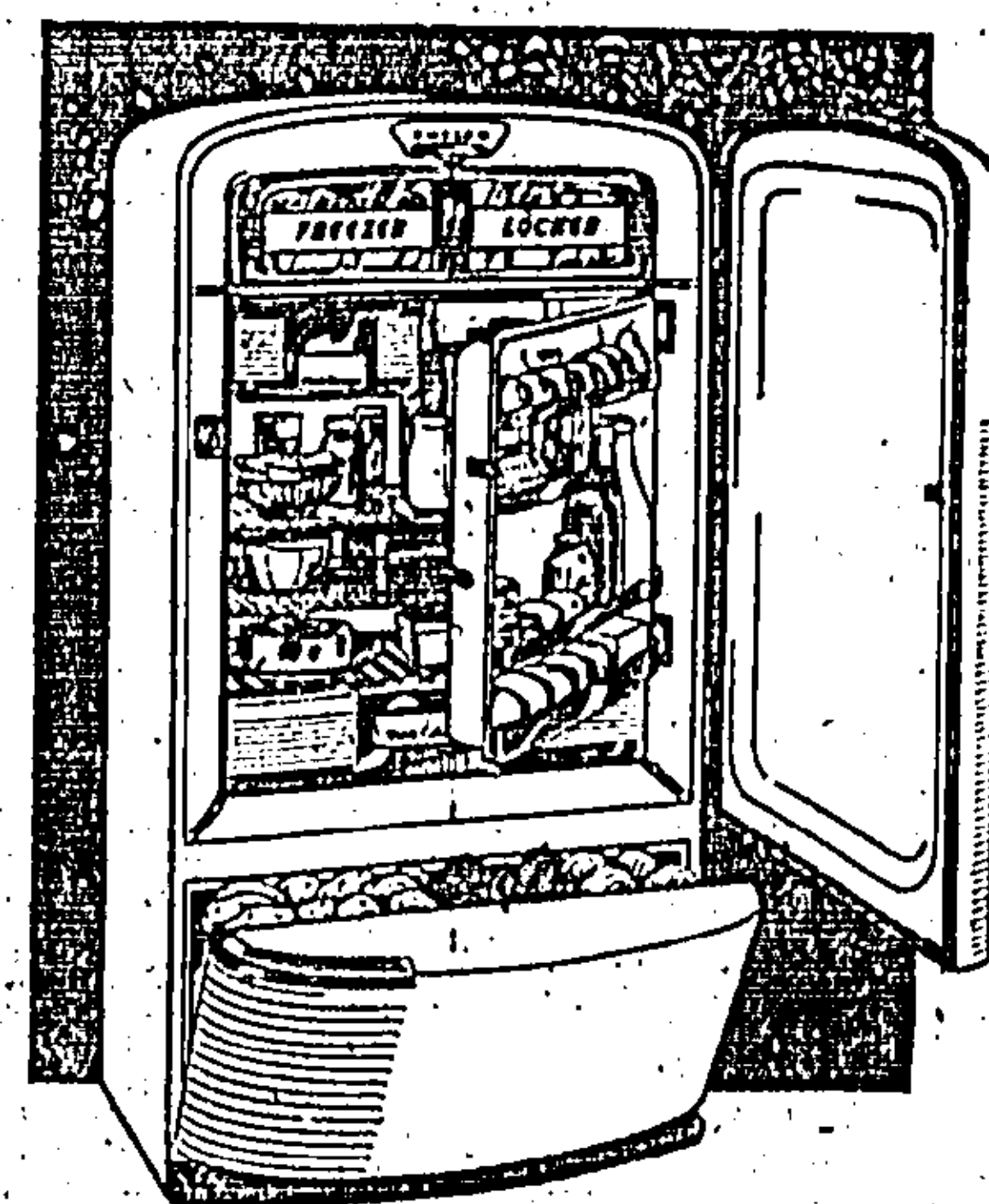


INTERPORT FOOTBALL—Hongkong had the pleasure last week of welcoming the first Manila interport soccer team to visit the Colony. The official interport match, played last Saturday, resulted in a victory for the Hongkong side by four goals to one. The teams are shown Mr. D. Calvo, the visitors' manager, below before the game. Above: handing the interport cup to Mr. J. Harris, the Hongkong manager. (Photos: Ming Yuen)



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BENES ADMINISTERS OATH TO COMMUNIST CABINET

Prague, Feb. 27.—Czechoslovakia, in a statement issued by the Czech news agency, tonight replied to the British, French and United States joint condemnation of the political changes, declaring: "These governments have not the slightest right to intervene, even if only by criticism, in the internal events of the country."

"The more so, as these Governments are always talking of the application in international relations of democracy, one of the most important principles of which is non-interference in the internal affairs of other states."

President Benes today administered the oath of office to the new Coalition Cabinet formed by the Communist Prime Minister, M. Klement Gottwald.

"I wish for you and the nation that this way may be happy for all," President Benes declared.

The President broke his week-old silence on the political crisis when he replied to the Prime Minister's thanks for the trust he has shown in the new Government.

"You want to lead the affairs of the state in new ways and in a new form of democracy," President Benes said. "For a long time, I have been earnestly about the crisis, I have come to the conclusion that it is necessary to accede to your proposition."

Strongly-Worded Reply
M. Gottwald, after presenting his new Ministers to the President, made a strongly-worded reply to the joint Anglo-American-French note condemning the Communist action in Czechoslovakia.

He declared that with self-respect the Czechoslovak people could "reject ill-founded proclamations from abroad which are a danger to our liberty and parliamentary methods."

NOTICE

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Notice To Shareholders

NOTICE is hereby given that the forty-sixth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Members of this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Wednesday the 17th day of March, 1948, at Noon, to receive the Report of the Board of Directors and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1947, to elect Directors and to appoint Auditors. Notice is also given that the Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 4th March, 1948, to the 17th March, 1948, both days inclusive.

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"We should not accept lessons in democracy and constitutionalism from those who are responsible for Munich, who bargained about our existence with Hitler's Germany and who undemocratically and illegally tore up the treaties of alliance and friendship with Czechoslovakia," he said.

"On the contrary," he declared, "I repeat we can proudly say that we have proved again before the whole world the deep and sincere democracy of our state and our loyalty to the principles of peace and the well-being of our people."

So far, 22 of the 47 members of Parliament belonging to the People's Party (Catholics) and 19 of the 55 from the Czech Socialists have declared their support for the new Cabinet.

Purge Begins

The new Ministers are beginning work as the Communists continue to strengthen their control of the central and local government by the appointment of action committees which they dominate.

The new Minister of Justice, Dr. A. Cipek, has disclosed a plan for a purge of "treacherous elements," and Prague Radio announced this afternoon that 60 officials of the Ministry of Information had been dismissed.

The Radio also announced that reports from action committees in the major provincial towns said people's meetings had called for various immediate changes among town and provincial officials. The action committees had taken it upon themselves to fulfil these demands, the Radio said.

The General Secretary of the Communist Party, M. Rudolf Slansky, forecast a purge of all reactionary elements from offices, economic and cultural enterprises, from all political parties and "all walks of life."

Other Changes

The proclamation was signed by 30 members of the party, including M. Josef Dvacek, chairman of the National Constituent Assembly, and the party's two Ministers in the new Cabinet, M. Slechts and Dr. Neumann.

The action committee of the Foreign Ministry today dismissed the Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee for Foreign Affairs, M. Ivo Duchacek, and M. Sodor Hodza, son of the late former Prime Minister.

Thirty-six Ministry employees have been sent on leave with reduced pay. 10 have been pensioned and eight have been transferred to posts of less responsibility.

The action committee will next begin a purge of diplomatic officials abroad. M. Jan Masaryk has given his consent to the changes.

The import of foreign newspapers and periodicals into Czechoslovakia will in future be the monopoly of the government-owned Orbis firm.

Carol Not To Meet Son

Paris, Feb. 27.—Possibility of an early meeting between former King Carol of Rumania and his son receded today with the announcement that former King Michael will leave for the United States on March 5.

Queen Helen, Carol's former wife and Michael's mother, arrived in Paris this morning and said she and her son will sail from Cherbourg aboard the Queen Mary a week from Friday.

Rumanian royalist refugees had expressed the hope that Carol, now living in Portugal, might get together with his son in organisation of a force that would put one or the other of them back on the throne. Carol abdicated on September 6, 1940.

Michael is reported to be in Luxembourg today, visiting friends with the young princess he is expected to marry, Anne of Bourbon Parme. He will come to Paris in a few days, his mother said.—Associated Press.

Brisbane's State Of Emergency

(Continued from Page 1)

Railwaymen who fail to report for work on Monday will be dismissed. If insufficient men return to work the Government may call for volunteers to man the railways. The compelling of any person to strike is prohibited and picketing is banned.

Any person who commits a breach of the order in council may be arrested without warrant.—Associated Press.

Mr Blain said that two days before the Japanese attacked, they were in full view on the other side of Johore Strait, within range of Australian artillery, which was not allowed to fire on them.

"The result was that later the Australians were mown down like rats," he added.—Reuter.

The only exceptions are newspapers of Allied states (by which are meant the Slav states) and technical and scientific papers.

Prague Radio announced today that a "single united modern broadcasting service which would promote the ideas of the people's democracy" would be formed, merging the Czech and Slovak broadcasting services.—Reuter.

Bidault Warns

Paris, Feb. 27.—Events in Czechoslovakia have changed the equilibrium of the international field, the French Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bidault, said today.

The problem of the survival of democracy and freedom had been brutally posed. It was not possible to think that these manoeuvres in the international field could continue indefinitely without producing a dangerous situation.

"This was not an ultimatum but a statement of fact."

M. Bidault's speech—opening a foreign policy debate in the National Assembly—was frequently interrupted by Communist deputies.

"Frenchmen must realise that it is now more than ever necessary to have internal union between all those who prize the freedom of the nation and liberty before everything else," M. Bidault declared.

The whole House, with the exception of the Communists, rose and cheered the Foreign Minister.

"Ten years ago," M. Bidault said, "the name of France like a danger signal, marked the beginning of Hitler's offensive. Certain methods recall a past." Here M. Bidault's voice was drowned by Communist shouts.

Brutal Predominance

Great Britain, the United States and France had emphasised M. Bidault went on, the deliberate character of a crisis which had in fact totalitarian party in brutal predominance.

Once more the sky of Bohemia had been darkened and an event of incalculable significance mocked all efforts for the liberation of Europe from a dangerous tyranny, M. Bidault said.

"The Assembly will understand that the French Government, whose policy is founded on the defence of peace and of a liberated Europe, a policy defined by international agreements, should raise the question of this new happening of incalculable significance, which is a disservice to peace and runs counter to the efforts made to rid Europe of all tyranny."

"This happening is one of a series, the dangerous character of which increases by the degree to which the incidents come closer to us."

"Today we are concerned with a spot which is particularly sensitive in geography, in politics, in morality and in our memories."

Historical Precedents

"For long now, historical precedents have undermined the importance of Prague, but it was not so very long ago that the Czechoslovak drama was for the world a poignant signal of danger."

Here Mr Bidault's voice was again drowned by shouts from Communist deputies.

"The hearts of men who love peace and liberty are gripped once more. The drama, no doubt, is now of another character. That which is the core of being and the pride of a nation, its integrity, its independence, are the object of an assault which cannot be justified by the systematic nature of the methods which were used."

Stating that the events in Czechoslovakia cannot fail to alter the international situation, the French Foreign Minister declared:

"It is not possible to think that such manoeuvres can develop on the European chess board without bringing about a situation which could rapidly become very dangerous."

"That is neither a warning nor a challenge. It is a cry of alarm welling up from the bottom of the heart."—Reuter.

Comintern Announcement

London, Feb. 27.—Communist Party announcement at the second Comintern Congress in 1920 was stated today to be considered by the British Government as an accurate analysis of recent Communist tactics and strategy in Czechoslovakia.

Reacting to the statement, a Foreign Office spokesman said: "The fixed aim of Communism is the destruction of parliamentary government. The Communist Party enters such institutions, not in order to do constructive work, but so that it may enable the masses to destroy the bourgeois state machine and parliament from within."

British policy towards Czechoslovakia was under review, the spokesman said. He refused to indicate what steps were likely to be taken.

McNutt Says No War Coming

Manila, Feb. 27.—Scouting talks of war, the former State Ambassador to the Philippines, Mr Paul V. McNutt, addressing Thursday's Manila Rotary Club meeting, declared: "I cannot believe that the declared peoples of the world are going to commit suicide."

McNutt, who is now chairman of the board of directors of the Philippine American Life Insurance Company, added there is not going to be a war.—Reuter.



Strength Of British Navy Heavily Cut

London, Feb. 27.—The strength of Britain's navy, showing the heavy cuts in the number of battleships, cruisers, destroyers and submarines was disclosed by the Government today for the first time since 1939.

SPORT:

Ireland's Rugby Chances

London, Feb. 27.—If Ireland fulfil expectations and beat Scotland at Dublin tomorrow, they will carry off the International Rugby Union championship for the first time since 1935.

They have beaten France and England, and a victory in tomorrow's engagement would put them unassailable at the head of the table. Ireland's forwards gave a great display at Twickenham against England, any they have been selected in bloc for this vital engagement, but two changes are being made behind the scrum.

These bring in Michael O'Flanagan—also a soccer "cap"—in the centre and Higgins, recovered from illness, to the full-back position.

Scotland, having overhauled the pack, found their troubles increased by the withdrawal through fibrositis of J. B. Lees.

Ireland won the corresponding fixture last season at Murrayfield by the only try of the match and in the series of 55 matches, their victories number 21 to Scotland's 34, with three draws.

Ireland—D. H. Higgins, of Civil Service, B. O'Hanlon of Cork Dolphin, W. D. McKee of North of Ireland, M. O'Flanagan of Lansdowne, B. Mullin of Clontarf, J. W. Kyle of Queen's University, H. de Lacy of Harlequins, A. A. McCann of Collegians, C. Mullen of Old Belvedere, J. C. Daly of London Irish, C. Callan of Lansdowne, J. E. Nelson of Malone, J. W. McKay of Queen's University, D. J. O'Brien of London Irish, and M. McCarthy of York Dolphin.

Scotland—W. C. Murdoch of Hillhead High School Former Pupils, T. G. Jackson of London Scottish, C. W. Drum of Melrose, J. R. Innes of Aberdeen Grammar School Former Pupils, D. D. MacKenzie of Edinburgh University, D. P. Hepburn of Woodford, W. D. Allardyce of Aberdeen G.S.F.P., I. C. Henderson of Edinburgh Academicals, G. Lyall of Gala, S. Colman of Harwick, H. H. Campbell of London Scottish, L. E. Currie of Dunfermline, R. M. Bruce of Gordonians, W. P. Black of Glasgow H.S.F.P., and W. I. Elliot of Edinburgh Academicals.—Reuter.

WALCOTT TO SIGN

London, Feb. 27.—Marshall Miles, manager for Joe Louis, said today that Jersey Joe Walcott would sign for a return bout at the Yankee Stadium on June 23.

"We had been expecting to hear that, but not so soon," he said.

Another member of the Louis party said he believed there was a tentative agreement for a third fight between Louis and Walcott should anything unexpected happen, but he felt sure Louis will stick to his decision that his June fight with Walcott will be his last.—Associated Press.

RAIN HOLDS UP PLAY

Georgetown, Feb. 27.—For the third day, a start could not be made in the return match here between British Guiana and the MCC owing to rain.—Reuter.

ICE HOCKEY

Paris Feb. 27.—The management of Palais des Sports contacted Prague by telephone today and, notwithstanding reports in French papers that all passports out of Czechoslovakia had been cancelled, he was told by the president of the Czechoslovak Ice Hockey Federation that the Czech team will play in Coupe Jean Rotin tomorrow night and would arrive in Paris in time.

The other competing clubs will be the Racing Club de Paris, Canada and Scotland.—Reuter.

Burma Applies To United Nations

Lake Success, Feb. 27.—Burma has applied for membership of the United Nations, it was announced here today.—Reuter.

WANTS U.S. FINDLERS BASES IN KOREA

Manila, Feb. 27.—The establishment of American military and naval bases in Korea, as well as effective measures to counteract consistent Russian sabotage efforts in that country, was strongly urged last night by Senator M. Arranz, the Philippine member of the United Nations Korean Commission, speaking over the government-owned radio station here.

The programme was sponsored by the Department of Foreign Affairs. Senator Arranz accused the Soviet Union of undermining the Commission's plans for Korean nationhood, declaring that any hope for Korean independence is now remote.

The Russians have now put every obstacle to this programme, he said, that he had come to the conclusion that it is impossible to reconcile Russia to the programme of the United Nations.

The United States, so as to stop Moscow's Korean designs, should replace her conciliatory attitude with the establishment of military and naval bases there.—Reuter.

Corfu Channel Dispute

The Hague, Feb. 27.—Albania today declared that Britain's action in bringing her Corfu Channel dispute to the International Court of Justice here was invalid without a previous agreement between the disputing parties.

In the Carnegie Peace Palace, where the Court is holding its first postwar session, Britain is demanding compensation for the loss of 44 sailors and the wounding of 42 others when the destroyers Volage and Saumarez were crippled by mines in the northern Corfu Channel near the Albanian port of Sarande on October 22, 1946.

Professor Vochos told the Court today: "The Albanian Government, in a letter to the Court on July 2 last year, declared that Albania was willing to appear but made definite reservations about the way in which the case was brought before the Court. But Britain went her own way," he said.—Reuter.

Food For Germans

Berlin, Feb. 27.—Nearly 243,000 tons of food were imported into the British and American Zones of Germany during the first three weeks of this month at a total cost to British and the United States taxpayers of £8,122,600. It was officially announced today.

Among the major imports were 35,650 tons of fish from Britain and Scandinavia and 8,205 tons of sugar from Cuba.—Reuter.

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HONGKONG AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting of the Association will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Company's Offices on Friday, 5th March, 1948, at 5.30 p.m.

Business: Election of Officers and Committee for the ensuing year and any other matters.

Members are urged to attend this important meeting.

T. E. JACKSON,
Chairman, Interim Committee.

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